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Pride Of Tuskegee

CHICAGO (PPNS) — Capt. Alva Tabor, pride of Tuskegee and recognized as one of the greatest punters and passers in intercollegiate football, definitely will give the Wilberforce Bulldogs something to worry about when the two teams clash at Comiskey Park, Friday, October 13. Tabor was chosen All-American quarterback last season. His home is in Ft. Valley, Georgia.

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Sports

"SMITTY'S" Sports Spurts

Courier — Pittsburgh, Pa.

By WENDELL SMITH

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On War Department Bungling

Five troupes of major league baseball stars are all set for an overseas tour to entertain soldiers in front line battle areas. The tours will be sponsored by the Army Special Services Division in co-operation with the American and National leagues. Among those scheduled to go is Leo Durocher, Fred Fitzsimmons, Frankie Frisch, Dixie Walker, Joe Medwick, Rip Sewell and Bucky Walters.

Unfortunately, the War Department has not seen fit to include Negro players in this worthy program. I do not know on what basis the major leaguers were selected for this trip, but I do know that if the War Department left it up to the American and National leagues to name the men . . . Negro players were never given the slightest consideration by those two august bodies, which foster the most discriminatory racial policies of any group in the entire sports world.

These major leaguers are scheduled to visit the battle fronts and talk "shop" with our fighting men, the majority of whom are baseball fanatics. This type of tonic is excellent for the morale and will be well received by the troops.

However, when I speak of morale, I'm speaking of white morale, not Negro morale. And, there is a difference, you know. The big difference is that Negro morale is usually so far down you can't touch it with an oil well drill. That, of course, is due to conditions under which the Negro soldier lives and fights.

Some of our Negro troops will see these big leaguers overseas, but I doubt that their appearance will be inspiring to Uncle Sam's black warriors, because they will be looking at men who represent organizations—the American and National leagues—which deny Negroes the opportunity to play big league baseball. These major league visitors will be symbolic of everything the Negro soldier is fighting to destroy . . . jim crowism, segregation, discrimination and racial bias.

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How Were These Players Selected?

I don't like to accuse the War Department of being biased in its selection of players for these overseas tours, but it certainly is leading with its granite chin. If these players were selected because of merit, or because they are famous wherever baseball is played, then how could such an illustrious figure as Satchel Paige be left out? Not only is he more famous than any of the big leaguers slated for these tours, but he is the only baseball player who ever staged a "strike" in behalf of "GI Joes." Paige refused to play in the big East-West game this year because the officials refused to donate the proceeds to a worthy war charity. Consequently, I think "GI Joe" would rather see "America's most patriotic ball player" than a man like Jimmy Lindell of the New York Yanks, who is just another guy wearing a major league uniform. Lindell, however, is slated to make the trip. Paige will be here at home.

The War Department should send a group of Negro athletes overseas to entertain Negro troops, if it can't arrange to include some Negro players along with that major league contingent. However, the brass hats in the War Department don't seem to be interested in such a program. And, they're only fooling themselves if they think the Negro soldier is going to get excited over those white players. But then again, maybe the brass hats in Washington just don't care how the Negro soldier feels.

The reason I say that is because a plan to send a group of Negro athletes, which included Satchel Paige, Josh Gibson and some other outstanding ball players, was suggested to the War Department on September 8. And, absolutely nothing has been done about it by the War Department.

On September 8, I wrote to Truman K. Gibson, Jr., Civilian Aide to the Secretary of War, asking if it wouldn't be possible to send a group of Negro athletes overseas to specifically entertain Negro troops. I pointed out that the War Department had not included Negro baseball players with the big leaguers, and suggested that something similar be done for "Our Boys," too.

Mr. Gibson's office has tried to get the proposal approved, but the higher-ups in the War Department have simply kicked it around and given it the well-known "dodge." There again the War Department leaves itself open to charges of apathy and lack of interest in the Negro soldier.

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It seems to me that the War Department would be anxious to do something along this line for the Negro soldier. Certainly it should be interested in winning the goodwill of the public, because at the present time it is certainly getting some adverse publicity with respect to its treatment of the Negro soldier.

There is a gentleman, for instance, going around this country telling people everywhere how the Negro soldier is getting "booted" about by Army officials. His name is the Rev. Grant Reynolds, a former chaplain in the Army. The Rev. Mr. Reynolds is telling some very shocking and dastardly tales about the War Department and the Negro soldier. He infers that the War Department doesn't give a "hoot" about its Negro soldier. And, if the treatment of this proposal submitted to the War Department more than a month ago is typical, then I'm going to have to agree with the very militant Rev. Mr. Reynolds.

I think the Negro soldier wants to see some of his famous athletic brothers. I know he'd be cheered by visits from guys like Satchel Paige, Josh Gibson, Kenny Washington, Brud Holland, Jesse Owens or some of the other famous Negro athletes.

But apparently the War Department does not agree with me.

Atlanta Daily World

Negroes Take Active Part In War Recreation Conference

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Atlanta Ga.

Discrimination In Sports Is Target Of Race Delegates

BY HARRY McALPIN

WASHINGTON, D. C. — (NNPA) — At least 25 Negroes were among the 300 recreation workers attending the War Recreation Conference at the White House last Tuesday, during which Dr. E. B. Henderson, of the Department of Health and Physical Education in the D. C. Public Schools, delivered an address on "Democracy in Recreation."

Pointing out that Washington is rapidly acquiring a significant title as the capital city of the United Nations, Dr. Henderson said its customs, institutions and laws are becoming the accepted yardstick for measuring the effectiveness of the doctrine of freedom, equality of opportunity and the dignity of human personality upon which America was founded.

HITS GOLDEN GLOVES

Sports, he told the group, are supposed to represent an approach to idealism in democracy. Through music and dramatics, he pointed out, many Americans have discovered the road to racial understanding. "Well might the broad field of recreation open the way to a larger appreciation of human personality."

Dr. Henderson attacked the 'lily-white" Golden Gloves boxing tournaments in Washington. "We would never have heard of Joe Louis," he said, "had it not been for his entry into the Golden Gloves tournaments.

On the other hand, however, he pointed to several instances where this pattern of segregation is not followed. They were instances, nevertheless, which had little or no official sanction. They were the result of a democratic spirit on the part of the participants.

"Many such examples could be given of laedership which refused to be freightened by loud minorities masquerading as majority sentiment, or to be bound by the dead hand of the past," he declared.

Referring to the lack of recreational opportunities afforded Negroes in the South, Dr. Henderson said in most towns and ciites of the South, the only recreational sources are the barbershops, street corners and poolrooms. "Much of the fun is drinking and gambling. Here are the crime schools for young delinquents."

He said public parks in the South are generally not available for colored residents. "When they are, they are small and inadequate.".

Within 30 miles of Greenville, S. C., he stated, there is a large state park but no reservation for Negroes. In this town, between two densely populated Negro districts is a 19 acre tract reserved for white baseball teams and no place for Negroes. Birmingham, Alabama, has no Negro park. In Houston, Texas, there is a 10-acre park for Negroes donated to the city by ex-slaves, but the white public park area comprises 2,600 acres.

NEW DEAL HELPS

There has been some progress, however, he declared, through the splendid work of federal agencies like the PWA, WPA, NYA, and Agricultural Extension Services and Farm Security Administration.

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These things frustrate the people upon whom they are visited, he told the conference. "Social pressure of years of segregation has congealed into habit the ways of thinking and reacting, even of many Negro leaders. As terrible as the war is, however, it will not have been a lost cause if American people awake to the necessity of doing something to heal the breach between their beliefs in democracy and their day by day practices towards the Negro people."

Specifically Dr. Henderson recommended that: (1) those really interested in the democratic possibilities of recreation and human relationships should restudy thier attitdues and notions about the Negro as a citizen; (2) there should be orderly removal of the barriers that prevent youth of all racial groups from engaging in play forms and competitive sports — including professional baseball, professional football, national tennis and golf tournaments; (3) public schools, even when there is segregation, should meet in sports and games.

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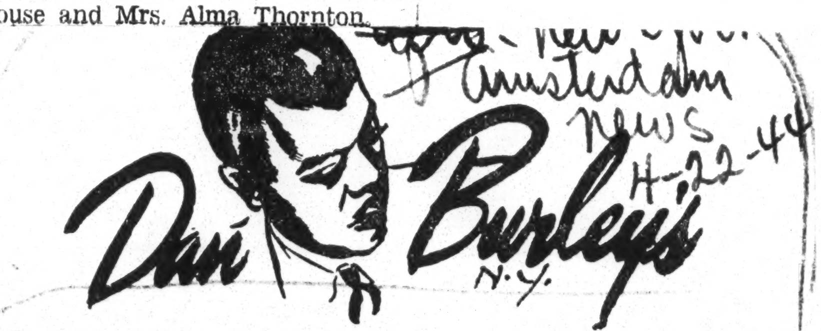
FIRST LADY PRESENT

Mrs. Roosevelt greeted the conference and sat through most of the morning and afternoon sessions. Among the Negroes attending the conference other than Dr. Henderson, were: Mrs. Alice Bell, Mildred Carr, Phyllis Wheatley YWCA; Sam Brown, Christine Meade and Booker T. Smalley, of the YMCA-USO; Lee Johnson, and William Payne, 12th Street YMCA; Joseph Cole, Almira Streets, Dorothy Washington and John L. Young, D. C. Recreation Department; Dorothy Demby.

Ernest Johnson and Mrs. Thelma Taylor, Banneker Club; Esther Jackson and Mrs. Vesta Randall, Hearthstone Club; Etta Johnson, Garnett-Patterson Recreation Club; Velma McEwen, Natalie Scurlock; Mildred Vernon and Carrie Young, War Department; W. S. Nelson, Southwest House; Odessa Parks, Southeast House and Mrs. Alma Thornton.



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'CONFIDENTIALLY YOURS'

Washington Fights Sports Jim Crow:

Down in Washington a well organized squawk is being made over a discriminatory policy at the Uline Arena which bars Negroes from everything but prizefights. The Washington Tribune is campaigning against Uline's alleged policies with all guns firing. In a printed broadside, the Tribune asks these question: Do You Know—

"That the only arena that bars Negroes in the District of Columbia is the Uline Arena?

"That while Mr. Uline will take the public's money and welcome all to this fight (the Aaron Perry-Sammy Angott bout) he will not admit all the public to his ice-capades, if they are Negroes?

"That both whites and Negroes have urged Uline to discontinue his un-American racial ban, but that he has steadfastly defended his policy and declared that he will not admit Negroes to the 'Ice Follies' at the Uline Arena?

"That Major Charles West, in the full uniform of the United States Army, was denied the purchase of a ticket to the Ice Capades at the Uline Arena, because he was a Negro?

"That over 40% of the patrons of Uline's fights are Negroes, not one of whom, according to Mr. Uline, is good enough to attend the ice follies or ice capades?

"Why is it that Mr. Uline admits Negroes to this (Perry-Angott) fight? He states that DECENT white people of Washington do not want to sit with them at the Ice Follies. Is it that he needs Negroes' money? Or is it that Mr. Uline doesn't consider the white patrons here tonight (April 4, 1944) DECENT?"

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A whole lot of Negroes turned out for the Perry-Angott fight at the Uline. In fact, I estimated Negroes made up at least half of the attendance. Alexander Barnes of the Tribune is determined that this condition be changed—that the two-faced policy of the arena which sees Uline pocketing black money on fight nights at his place and accepting only white money on other nights for other attractions aside from boxing—be scuttled once and for all. Most of black Washington alleges it is with the Tribune—but the guys with the money who buy the tickets that help Uline pay his taxes and discriminate against Negroes are always saying " ain't going in this damned place after tonight. I gotta see this fight though. I'll stay away the next time."

Washington is a paradox and helping to make it such are many of the very Negroes who are hollering like hell over what Uline is doing about his arena. Discrimination flourishes on the support it receives from those who pay to keep it going. The question here is: if the 40% Negro attendance at Uline's fight promotions stayed at home, how long could he operate with only 60% as represented by the whites?

George Marshall, who operates the Washington Redskins pro football team, is never at a loss for Negro support. Black Washington trips over itself getting into choice box seats and grandstand pews to see the Redskins play and contribute plenty to this arm of a national Jim Crow institution by chartering special trains to follow the team on Sundays to various points, including New York City where it hollers its head off in favor of Sammy Baugh & Co.

Clark Griffith operates the stadium bearing his name and the Senators have tremendous support from Negro rooters who don't think about Griffith's attitude toward Negroes playing in the major leagues and the fact that he'll take any player, Puerto Rican, Cuban, Venezuelan, German, Belgian, Pole, before he'd ever think of a Negro even looking at a Senator uniform.

'I never support Jim Crow. I think it unhealthy. It's harmful effects can be seen everywhere; in our armed forces, in our civic life, and more so in Washington where the races are as rigidly divided as though the capital were Social Circle, Georgia, or Laurel, Mississippi.

But the only approach that can be made to the situation in Washington that embraces Uline, Marshall and Griffith, among others, is to tackle it from the logical angle—development of Negro attractions which should be fully supported until the reactionaries admit that discrimination and segregation also hurts them.

Here are some suggestions: There's enough money spent on pure, unadulterated gay-catting in Washington in one week to build an arena twice the size of Uline's which has a fight capacity of 7,500. It could be owned by some of the many sportsmen and promoters who so plentifully people Washington's dark side of the tracks. Negroes own plenty property in Washington. In these times of war, Negroes in Washington are coining gold as fast as it's turned out by the mint. Some of it should go toward a more useful purpose.

Washington Negroes might as well learn now that there is little thanks in helping keep alive such Jim Crow institutions as the Uline Arena, the Washington Redskins and the Washington Senators. It's about as ridiculous as movies showing African native troops aiding white colonial armies conquer the rest of their black brethren. And Washington, of all cities, would profit more by having its own bigtime arena (I'm not talking about a converted cowbarn) than any other. A Negro-owned arena plus competent Negro promoters with vision and practical ability would solve plenty problems in Washington in short order.

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With their own arena, Negroes in Washington could show Beau Jack, Bob Montgomery, Aaron Perry, and when the war is over—Joe Louis, Ray Robinson, Chalky Wright and all the headliners against white opposition and white fans would break their necks getting in to see such shows. And white promoters and operators like Uline, Griffith and Marshall would soon see that their way isn't the paying way and would take steps to remedy it in short order.

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BASEBALL

Three-Man Commission To Rule On All Disputes

Chicago Defender

9-9-44 Chicago, Ill.

The Negro world series will open on Sunday, Sept. 17, in Rickwood Park, Birmingham, Ala., with the Birmingham Black Barons, winners of both halves of the split season in the Negro American league, meeting the Washington Homestead Grays, winners of both halves of the Negro National league season.

Birmingham clinched the second half title by beating the Cincinnati Clowns, 8 to 0, Sunday in Chicago.

The same two teams met for the 1943 title with the Grays, using Ralph Wyatt of the Chicago American Giants in shortstop's position, defeating the Black Barons who were using Ted "Double Duty" Radcliffe, then manager of the Chicago American Giants, behind the plate.

The use of these two men plus the lengthening out of the series disturbed the minds of the fans and the series became a laughing stock. No one discredited the Grays as title holders. The Black Barons, winners of the first half of the split Negro American league season last year, went into the playoff with the Chicago American Giants, taking the odd game for the league championship in Montgomery.

Announce Dates

This year, the presidents of both leagues, Tom Wilson, representing the National circuit, and Dr. J. B. Martin, head of the American league, have decided the dates of the series and the first team to win four games will be the champions. The dates are: opener at Birmingham, Sunday, Sept. 17; second game in New Orleans, Tuesday night, Sept. 19; third game in Birmingham, Thursday night, Sept. 21; fourth game in Forbes Field, Pittsburgh, Pa., on Saturday, Sept. 23; fifth game in Griffith Stadium, Washington, D. C., Sunday, Sept. 24. In event that the series is not over, the sixth game will be played in Griffith Stadium, Washington, D. C., Monday night, Sept. 25. Should the seventh game be necessary, the two league presidents will decide the place which in all probability will be Philadelphia. Should one team win four straight and the series end in Pittsburgh on Saturday, Sept. 23, the fifth game will be played in Washington but it will be an exhibition game and will not count in the series.

The Birmingham Black Barons and the Grays owners have each deposited a certified check for $1,000 which will be forfeited if either club fails to live up to the rules and agreement which will govern the series. Signing the agreement in Pittsburgh at 2 o'clock Thursday morning of last week were Tom Hayes, owner of the Birmingham club, Cum Posey and Rufus Jackson, owners of the Grays.

Name 3-Man Commission

An Arbitration Commission composed of three outstanding Negro sports writers will rule on all disputes or protests which may arise during the series. The men chosen on the commission are Frank A. "Fay" Young, sports editor of the Chicago Defender and dean of the Negro sports writers; Wendell Smith, sports editor of the Pittsburgh Courier, and Sam Lacy, sports editor of the Baltimore Afro-American.

The commission announced that the two checks for $1,000 are held by Wendell Smith and in event that either club refuses to complete the series, the checks will be given to the other club. In event that both clubs refuse to complete the series, the $2,000 will be given to some worthy charity at a designated time.

The commission will have the right to investigate either upon complaint or its own initiative any act, transaction or practice charged, alleged or suspected to be detrimental to the best interest of the national game of baseball; with authority to summon persons and to order the production of documents, and in case of refusal to appear or produce, to impose such penalties as it (the commission) deems necessary.

Both clubs will furnish the commission with a list of eligible and bona fide members of their respective ball clubs. Each player must have been a bona fide member of his team on or before Aug. 10, 1944. If, because of injury or sickness to any player, substitute for that player cannot be drawn from any club in the Negro American or Negro National leagues and no player can be added to either club without the approval of the commission.

The commission has decided that all games will be played under the playing rules of Organized Negro baseball which are based on the regulations of the white American and National Baseball leagues.

Presidents Approve

For the first time in the history of Negro baseball, a world series will be conducted in a manner pleasing to both owners and fans.

"This is the finest thing that has happened in Negro baseball," President Martin said. "It is the first time we've had a series in which the fans, leagues and clubs could look toward it with confidence and pride. The agreement the clubs signed is one so binding that they will lose everything, including prestige and $1,000 in cash if they fail to live up to it."

President Wilson of the National league hailed the series' plans and called the agreement signed by the clubs one of the greatest contributions toward the advancement of Negro baseball in history.

"Every fan in the country can now feel sure that Negro baseball has grown up and is going places," he said. "I am proud to be associated with such a venture and wish both clubs the best of luck."

Baseball Owners Talk Much but Do Little

AFRO-AMERICAN Balto, Md.

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Stall on Appointment of a Commissioner; Pretend No Fears of Third League; Bar Press

By Staff Correspondent

NEW YORK—The annual meeting of baseball owners, held here for two days at the Theresa Hotel last week end, was completed late Saturday with little or nothing accomplished.

In addition to barring the press from the Friday evening joint session of the Negro National and Negro American Leagues, when it was supposed some concrete action might be taken to improve the general setup of colored baseball, the magnates acted as follows:

(1) Brushed over the subject of appointing a baseball commissioner on the pretext that the time is not "ripe" for such an appointment;

(2) Adopted a bold front in dismissing the threat of a third league while quaking in their boots over the presence of Gus Greenlee, Pittsburgh Crawfords owner, on the scene;

(3) Applauded and promptly forgot warnings sounded by William G. Nunn, of the Pittsburgh Courier, to the effect that they had better "close ranks or find their own doors open to competition;

(4) Re-elected Tom Wilson president of the NNL and Dr. J. B. Martin president of the NAL, while mumbling thorough dissatisfaction with the administration of both.

In disposing of the subject of a high commissioner, the owners bowed to the will of Cum Posey, co-owner of the Homestead Grays, who, incidentally, was clashing with his own business partner on the matter.

Posey put through a recommendation that a committee be appointed to "investigate candidates for a commissioner." This came as something of a shock to newsmen twiddling their thumbs in the hotel lobby, as Posey has long insisted that he wanted someone to act as high boss of the sport.

Jackson Favors Czar

Posey's associate, Rufus (Sonnyman) Jackson, is known to favor a commissioner but he was absent, having been unable to make plane connections from Pittsburgh in time for the meeting.

Ed Gottlieb, who holds a share in the Philadelphia Stars if not the controlling stock in that team, and Mrs. Effa Manley, president of the Newark Eagles, were both favorable to an early choice of a commissioner.

The fact that these people were outvoted would indicate that the league moguls are satisfied with the status quo and that their method of dropping the subject was to agree that a year's "study" is necessary to find the right man.

Most of the reports being carried in the press on the meeting are based on speculation, since President Wilson told a delegation of sportswriters they were not wanted in the joint session of Friday, at which time most of the discussion was held.

Can Talk — Period

The reporters—W. A. Jackson of the Indianapolis Recorder, George Lyle of the Philadelphia Tribune, Joe Bostic of New York People's Voice, Wendell Smith of the Pittsburgh Courier, and Sam Lacy and Harold Jackson of the AFRO-AMERICAN—put the issue of the leagues' ban on the press squarely up to the two presidents on Friday.

Wilson, whose elbows were farther on the table than those of Dr. Martin, and therefore presumably the "chair," told the reporters they could talk if they wished but they couldn't listen.

A prepared release from the NNL stated on Friday that no fear of a third league was entertained "inasmuch as all league members are solidly behind each other."

However, it is a known fact that Abe Saperstein, who controls the Birmingham Black Barons; Syd Pollock, who is the major-domo in the camp of the Cincinnati-Indianapolis Clowns, and, possibly, T. Y. Baird, Kansas City Monarch boss, are dissatisfied with things as they have been run in the NAL, and, further, that Saperstein doesn't need too much persuasion to line up with Gus Greenlee in his futile fight for baseball reinstatement.

The club owners' professed confidence in their own security takes on the aspect of a man whistling in a graveyard when it is considered that the Saperstein-Pollock-Greenlee combine could do serious damage to the present setup if it were so inclined.

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Pompez? Maybe!

While little is heard from Eastern quarters in this connection, the rumor persists that Alex Pompez, owner of the New York Cubans, might listen to a good selling-point in the event the NNL continues its refusal to give him an equitable number of games over the coming season. The cubans have long been short on a schedule.

Although they listened to, and vigorously applauded, the speech by Nunn, the owners shrivelled at the thought of a five-year contract to a commissioner with a salary of $10,000 per annum.

At the conclusion of Nunn's talk, which included constant reminders that they were holding the reigns of a two-million dollar business, President Wilson told Nunn he "made some good points that were well taken."

The entire panel of officers were re-elected by the NNL, but Frank A. Young, of the Chicago Defender, replaced R. S. Simmons as secretary of the NAL.—LACY.

Duncan, Allen 48 Years With K. C. Monarchs

Amsterdam News

New York, N.Y.

8-26-44

KANSAS CITY — Forty-eight years on the same club!

That is the remarkable record of Frank Duncan, manager-catcher and Newt Allen, outfielder of the Kansas City Monarchs' baseball club of the Negro American League, a team which has won its share of titles and world series. The Monarchs held the championship of the Negro American League in 1940, '41 and '42, and several times before that and Duncan and Allen always played an important role in these title drives.

Duncan doesn't do a great deal of catching anymore, but he's still agile behind the platter. Early this season he was hard pressed for a receiver when Wingo received a hand injury and the old reliable went in and caught more than a week. He also saw service at first base when O'Neill was called to the Army.

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Lost Many To Services

Duncan was given the managership of the club because of his long service and has been doing a great job although he lost many players to the armed forces. He is well liked by members of the team and knows baseball thoroughly.

He joined the Monarchs as a youngster a quarter of a century ago and it didn't take him long to win a regular catching job. He caught for more than fifteen years. Duncan was recently released from law was passed. He was given an honorable discharge and was a sergeant at the time of his dismissal.

Then, too, Duncan has played ir his share of East-West Negro all-star classics in Comiskey Park.

Allen also is one of those likeabl fellows any manager likes to hav on his team.

He has played every infield pos tion and every outfield post in h long tenure with the club. All was a second sacker when he fi reported to the Monarchs 23 yea ago. Then he played short, thi first and in the outfield. He t like Duncan played part of th season at first base.

Allen Initiated At First

When Duncan decided to ma age the team from the bench tossed a first baseman's mit to Ne and remarked:

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"Allen, it looks like you're first sacker. I know you'll do a go job as you have at other positio Go to it boy."

Newt didn't lose any time getti acquainted around the initial sa and in some of the early games t season he showed as much pep a raw rookie trying to win a regu berth.

Allen has the right spirit and reported to the club in perfect co dition.

Allen, a few years ago, was a pointed manager of the Monarc He was well pleased at his assig ment, but he requested the owne to relieve him of his duties so could devote all the time to playi the game he loves so well.

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"I'm proud to be manager of suc a splendid club and a swell bunc of fellows," Allen told the owner "but I'd be much happier just to b a player." He was granted a release as skipper of the club and i one of those happy-go-lucky players who will do anything for the good of the team. Allen is a dangerous hitter in the clutch and had few to equal him when he played the hot-corner and was a few years younger.

American League Season Opens Sunday

Kansas City, Mo 5-5-44

The Call

The Negro American League will make its 1944 bow on Sunday, May 7, with the Kansas City Monarchs opening in Memphis against the Memphis Red Sox.

The Cleveland Buckeyes will open at Indianapolis against the Cincy Clowns, who moved their home franchise to Indianapolis this year. The Birmingham Black Barons, winners of the American League pennant in 1943 will tangle with the Chicago American Giants in Chicago.

The Kansas City Monarchs will find in the Memphis Red Sox no easy foe on Sunday. Porter (Submarine) Moss will probably hurl for the Sox and is expected to spearhead the Sox early pennant attacks. The Red Sox really look good and in 12 games played with the Chicago American Giants in pre-season play the Red Sox lost only one, and that one by one run. Manager Ruben Jones has his team hustling hard.

The Monarchs are rejuvenated this year and are playing like a "college team," according to their managers. Except for injuries the Monarchs face a possible brilliant season if pre-season play is to be used for gauge. Already Already out on injuries are Vandever, McDaniels, Haynes and Wingo, a catcher. Jack Matchett, Moody and Haynes must answer call for army physicals this week at Ft. Leavenworth. In the meantime Eddie Locke, Hilton Smith and Bumpus are holding down the hurling end.

Other schedules in the American League follow:

1944 SCHEDULE

MAY 7

Birmingham at Chicago.
Cleveland at Indianapolis.
Kansas City at Memphis.

MAY 14

Kansas City at Birmingham.
Indianapolis at Cleveland.
Memphis at Chicago.

MAY 21

Indianapolis at Chicago.
Memphis at Kansas City.
Birmingham at Cleveland.

MAY 28

Chicago at Kansas City.
Cleveland at Birmingham.
Memphis and Indianapolis—Open.

JUNE 4

Chicago at Indianapolis.
Cleveland at Memphis.
Kansas City and Birmingham—Open.

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JUNE 11

Kansas City at Cleveland.
Memphis at Indianapolis.
Chicago and Birmingham—Open.

JUNE 18

Cleveland at Chicago.
Birmingham vs. Memphis.
Indianapolis at Kansas City.

JUNE 25

Chicago at Cleveland.
Indianapolis at Memphis.
Kansas City and Birmingham—Open.

JULY 2

Memphis vs. Chicago.
Birmingham at Cleveland.
Kansas City and Indianapolis—Open.

Afro-American 9-2-44

White Baseball Champions

Officials of the Philadelphia National League baseball club eliminated Paul Reed of Brooklyn after the tryouts last week in which he made good.

Paul played first base for a championship high school team for four years. Scouts intimated they could give him a contract only if he would say that he is a Cuban.

So baseball, the sport most representative of the nation, bars colored participation as do tennis and professional football. Boxing, golf, track and racing, to the contrary, are open to all.

And, while the Philadelphia Phillies, who are in the National League cellar position in the pennant race more often than any other club, draw the color line, two top white women in tennis, Alice Marble and Mary Hardwicke, attended a colored tourney in New York to play an exhibition with colored partners.

Baltimore, Md.

It was a goodwill gesture of the first order, a fine tribute to the kind of white women who are now the champions. They know that sports which bar any players for anything save merit are not truly national games.

The winners of this year's "world's" series may claim to be the nation's best ball club. It should rather be called the nation's best WHITE ball club, for beyond the color line it has demonstrated no fitness to earn the nation's title.

No Magnate 'Yet Ready' To Sign Negro Players

Daily Worker – New York, N.Y.

2-5-44

By C. E. Dexter

Alva Bradley's pronunciamento in which the Cleveland owner gave up the baseball ship without so much as a fight caused quite a few ripples along 42nd St., which is the national game's Main Stem during the winter months.

"We are sitting tight, and will play," said a Yankee official yesterday. The business of sitting tight, he explained consists of waiting to see who will be left when April's showers cease long enough to permit a ball game to be played.

It is a fact, however, that unless someone throws a bombshell, no magnate is thinking of adding Negro ball players to his roster—as yet.

The "as yet" phrase is added to that statement chiefly because it is the general opinion among baseball men that the coming season will be highly profitable.

Take the local clubs, for example. The Giants and Dodgers will surely benefit from the scheduled 14 night games. The Yankees, seriously hit last season because of the ban on pleasure driving, expect to gain attendance on week-ends, now that fans may motor in from the suburbs, as in the past.

Of course, the Yankees will hardly resemble even a ghost of that club which tore through the American League. Yet they will play McCarthy baseball in that smooth efficient manner which wins games. You can bet on that. 2-5-44

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Daily Worker - New York, N.Y.

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Wendell Smith, sports editor of the Pittsburgh Courier, leading Negro weekly, has been down in Mexico these past few weeks and in the current edition of his paper he tells what seems to be the true story behind the resignation of Roger Hornsby as manager of that Mexican league team.

According to the story, whose authenticity we have no reason to doubt, Hornsby resigned because he was unable to bring Jim Crow into the Mexican sports scene.

You'll remember Hornsby gave us a reason the fact that the owners of the team weren't willing to shell out dough for his road trip expenses. Smith blasts this as a phony.

The real reason, as advanced by Smith and corroborated by Mexican league officials, is that Hornsby had attempted to force four Negro aces off the team —one of them being no less a baseball great than Willie Wells, former shortstop and manager of the Newark Eagles of the National Negro League.

There is not now and never has been any "color line" in Latin America. Hornsby, a native Texan, didn't seem to understand this simple democratic procedure. At first, he was taken aback at the presence of the Negro players but as the weeks went by his blind hatred of them almost wrecked the ball club.

There followed a severe struggle in which Hornsby presented an ultimatum to the management—"me or the Negroes." The owners of the team, quite naturally, stuck by the Negro players and gave Hornsby his well-deserved walking papers.

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In Mexico the outcome of the struggle was greeted with intense enthusiasm and the decision was welcomed as a great democratic victory. 4-21-44

What strikes us is the sheer arrogance of Hornsby in the matter. He was just a guest of the Mexican people. Upon his arrival he had been welcomed with open arms, the people viewing his coming as a sign of closer friendship between the United States and Mexico.

Despite all this he immediately attempted to foist upon the Mexican people and their traditions a vicious, stupid policy of racial discrimination which is abhorrent to all the people of the Latin American nations.

Of course, the outcome is to be welcomed by all democratic people. Hornsby received just what was coming to him and we have an idea he has seen the last of Mexico.

MAJOR LEAGUES CONTINUE COLOR BAN IN SPITE OF MANPOWER SHORTAGE

Daily World - Atlanta, Ga.

3-19-44

The major leagues are preparing for the '44 baseball season, and in spite of the serious manpower shortage not a single club owner or manager has the courage to consider lifting the ban on colored players. This matter was brought out in the open at the winter meeting of the major leagues, when Paul Robeson and members of the Negro Publishers Association made an appeal in behalf of the sepia performers. On this occasion, Judge Landis attempted to cover up for the big leagues by stating that there was no ban of colored players. It was well-known at the time, however, that the baseball czar was merely "passing" the ball to the club owners and managers. Almost daily the draft boards throughout the country continue to drain off many of the big league stars, and a few managers and owners are considering seriously using 2-B men, who have occupational deferments in their home games. Big league scouts are also on the "go" touring every section of the country in quest of high school youngsters, and in a few instances they have attempted to get the best available baseball talent from Cuba and Mexico. Thus, it is clear that the club owners and managers of the major leagues intend to continue the ban on colored players as long as it is humanly possible.

BLACK BARON ROSTER

World - Birmingham, Ala. 5-2-44

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Lorenzo Davis	Shortstop	Birmingham, Ala.
Arthur Wilson	Third Base	Birmingham, Ala.
Leroy Morney	Utility	Chicago, Ill.
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Age Herald Birmingham, Ala. 5-30-44

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In the sixth Sampson lived on Wood's error and scampered home on Ed Steele's triple with what proved to be the decisive run of the game. 5-30-44

Johnny Cowan, product of the Birmingham Industrial League, and Rightfielder Grace turned in marvelous fielding chores in support of the brilliant game hurled by Bremer.

Arthur Wilson, sensational rookie shortstop and Birmingham boy, continued his consistent hitting with three hits in seven times at bat in the two games. 5-30-44

The setback in the second game broke a five-game winning streak of the Welchmen over Cleveland during their touring series.

Negro Fans Anxious To See Own In Big Leagues

~~Chicago, Ill.~~ Defender - Chicago, Ill.

1-8-44

Negro baseball fans are more than anxious to see the door of opportunity pushed open for the Negro baseball player in the major league. They patiently await the call of "play ball" in the spring and the scouting of Negro players by the Chicago Cubs and any other team which will make the move to ascertain the ability of the sepia ball player.

These fans, and thousands of white fans too, believe the time is ripe but point out that there may be a danger in some methods used in dealing with those who are both favorable and in a position to do some real good. No self-seeking publicity committee or committees or groups will get far. A concerted effort on the part of leading citizens will go a long way to get the Negro player this much-sought place in the minor or major leagues.

Philip K. Wrigley, owner of the Chicago Cubs, has declared that he will hire a scout this coming year, 1944, to scout Negro ball players. So far, Mr. Wrigley is the only owner who has made such a declaration. He is but one of 16 owners in the major leagues.

A citizens committee made up of most if not all of the men who underwrote the Wendell Phillips high school football team's victory banquet on December 15. will meet soon and State Senator C. C. Wimbish, chairman of that committee, hopes that the entire committee as well as others interested will get solidly behind the move. This committee is a cross-section of business, fraternal, professional and business men of the city. The Negro Chamber of Commerce will be invited to join this city-wide organization. 1-8-44

Negro fans point out that Negro baseball itself might make a move which will help things. These fans claim the Negro leagues are Jim-crow organizations as much as the majors are lily white, and that if the presidents and owners of the two leagues are sincere in their statements that they also want Negro players in the majors then these two leagues ought to drop the color barier and admit players of all races, creeds and colors.

The fans point to the playing of white and Negro men on the industrial teams representing the stock yard firms.

The Negro publishers made a plea to the owners of major league clubs at the recent joint meeting of the American and National leagues in New York City. Since that meeting the publishers have been working on their next move. A committee of two, William L. Patterson, assistant director of the Abraham Lincoln School of Adult Education and William H. Harrison, manager of the Grand hotel, both of Chicago, held a conference with Owner Wrigley of the Cubs. 1-8-44

Mr. Wrigley told the two men and, in an exclusive interview with the Chicago Defender, said the Cubs would scout Negro players this coming season.

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Rumor Cubs Have Plan To Give Negro Players Diamond Chance

Informer- Houston, Texas 1-8-44

By DON DeLEIGHBUR

NEW YORK.—It's smart to keep your eyes peeled for developments in baseball Baseball has moved to the No. 1 position in importance to colored Americans during this war; going ahead of professional boxing, basketball and football because baseball, that is organized baseball, has yet to lower its color bar and admit qualified colored players. toward equality. It's list, long and Boxing has done more than its share impressive, of champions in every division, proves this. Negro athletes once dominated professional football back in 1920 when Fritz Pollard, Ink Williams, Paul Robeson, Duke Slater, Dick Hudson, Sol Butler and others laid the groundwork for the present National Pro Football League, only to be unceremoniously kicked out when the gates got good.

The colored athlete has been great in basketball—except in the Big Ten; he has held his own in collegiate football, track, collegiate baseball;; tennis, practically every sport, including the difficult lacrosse, except swimming. But in organized professional baseball, he has been consistently barred. That is why the happenings of today are so fraught with possibilities and potentialities and bare close watching. 1-8-44

Wrigley May Crack

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Negro American League O.K.

Meanwhile, the Negro American League at its winter meeting in Chicago went on record as saying that there is absolutely no objection on the part of its club owners to the current campaign for integration of Negro players into the major leagues. "We do ask, however, said Dr. J. B. Martin, the hefty president, "that if and when the majors do decide to admit Negro players they will give us the same consideration in regards to buying these players that they give to the minor leagues."

We have considerable money invested in this league and our teams. If the majors want any of our players we will expect them to be purchased on the same basis and standards that are applied when minor leaguers are purchased."

Black Barons Meet Cleveland Buckeyes Sunday At Rickwood

News. Birmingham, Ala.

5-28-44

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"Schoolboy" Newberry, a Birmingham Industrial League product, LaFayette Washington and Al Gipson pitched the team to three consecutive wins. It is figured that Welch, having used the fore-named pitchers during the week, will turn the pitching assignments over to Johnny Huber and Al Saylor in the Sunday double-header against the Cleveland invaders at Rickwood Field. The first game is to get going at 2 o'clock.

Aside from being a double bill with the runnersup in the fight for this year's pennant, Sunday's twin bill will develop into one of the most important days since the Black Barons joined the Negro American League. Sunday has been set aside as the day for raising the pennant which stamped them as champs in 1943. Appropriate ceremonies will precede the actual beginning of that first game and colored fans from all over the district will storm Rickwood to see that bunting being hoisted to the breezes. It will be a great day for W. S. Welch, who piloted the club to its first pennant last year, and who rebuilt sufficiently through the Winter in trades and in buying talent for cash, to appear as the favorite for copping the flag his second consecutive year. 5-28-44

The Black Barons are not only first in this year's pennant race, but they are the bell cows of the loop in all other departments as well. They are first in team-hitting with an average of .287, their closest rivals in the swatting department being their foes of this Sunday, the Buckeyes. Welch's men have also triumphed in the defensive end of the game, boasting a team fielding average of .985. The Memphis Red Sox are runnersup in this department. Wilson, Baron shortstop, is tops in the fight for individual batting honors, and Rickwood's defenders also have Young, Washington, Lockett, McLaurin and Steele hitting well above the .300 mark.

Much of the success of the Birmingham club in its present battle for the pennant has been due to the wonderfully efficient backstopping of Double-Duty Radcliffe, who came back home in a trade during the Winter. McInnis went to Chicago as part payment for the field general Radcliffe. Tommy Sampson, though a veteran of many years standing, has also helped hold the winning combination together by the stellar game he has been playing at the keystone for the Black Barons. 5-28-44

Al Saylor and Johnny Huber have been selected by Welch to do the pitching tomorrow. Double-Duty Radcliffe will be behind the bat.

Black Barons Raise Flag

Post- Birmingham, Ala.

Battle Buckeyes In Doubleheader

5-27-44

Pennant raising ceremonies will be held tomorrow at Rickwood Field when Birmingham's Black Barons collide with the Cleveland Buckeyes in a double-header starting at 2 o'clock. The Black Barons won the championship in the Negro American League last season.

Manager W. S. Welch's team will go after revenge tomorrow. The Black Barons dropped both games of a double-header to the Buckeyes last Sunday. Despite the two lickings, the Barons are leading the league. The Buckeyes are in second place.

TheBlack Barons have shutout their foes in their lats two starts. They blanked the Buckeyes, 3 to 0, behind Washington's pitching last Thursday in Meadville, Pa., and with Newberry in rare form tripped Cleveland, 6 to 0, in Syracuse last Wednesday. 5-27-44

Alfred Ingram Stars On Mound For Indians

Daily World. Atlanta, Ga.

5-23-44

The Georgia Indians split a double-header with the Augusta Giants, winning the opener, 14-4 and dropping nightcap, 10-6, before a large crowd, Sunday afternoon, at Ponce de Leon Park.

Skipper Henry N. Lewis sent Alfred Ingram, who was home on a furlough from the Army to the mound for the Indians in the first game, with his brother Preston Ingram working behind the plate. Alfred turned in the greatest pitching performance of his career, limiting the visitors to four runs.

Meanwhile, the Indians went on a rampage in the fifth and sixth innings, with Preston Ingram blasting out a long home run and with "Bozo" Jackson, and Bowen collecting a pair of triples. Gomillion hit a triple for the Giants.

Sgt. Burke, of Camp Gordon, who was shelled from the mound in the opener came back in the nightcap for Augusta and turned in a masterpiece. The Gaints jumped on Ed Wyatt and sent him to the showers, and the game was ended by "Bozo" Jackson, who followed Preston Ingram on the mound.

Outstanding players for the Indians were: Hunter, short-stop; Ingram and Ingram the battery combination; and "School Boy" Williams, who had four hits in the first game. Gibson was the most impressive player on the Augusta nine.

According to Manager Lewis; the Georgia Indians will leave the Gate City this week for an extensive tour of Florida, South and North Carolina. They will return in about a month.

ATLANTA BRAVES WIN THRILLING TWINBILL

The Atlanta Braves won a three-way twinbill, Sunday afternoon, at Harper's Field, with a, 9-4 verdict over the strong Camp Forrest nine in the opener and a thrilling, 5-4 victory over the Scripto Black Cats in the nightcap. 5-23-44

John Henry Mack, the new sensation from Gainesville faces the soldiers in the first game, with J C. Hendrick behind the plate. While Mack held the Army team in check, the Braves railled in the third and sixth innings to put the game on ice. Wayne hurled for the servicemen.

In the second game, Claude Stroud, brilliant young hurler opposed "Fire-ball" Franklin, the Scripto ace. Young and Everhart were the catchers. Stroud and Franklin tied-up in a gruelling duel, with the Braves coming out in front by a single run. Moseley, Braves' rightfielder smashed out a home run in the fourth inning of the second game.

Playing well for Scripto were "Bo" Bennett, "Gabby" Wingfield Jake Phillips, and "Honey" Williams, while J. C. Kendricks, Elmer Knox, Hershell Harper, O Kelly, "Dusty" Owens and Mack were outstanding for the Braves.

CLOWNS DEFEAT GREAT LAKES' NEGRO NINE, 7-5

Daily Tribune Chicago, Ill.

5-23-44

A ninth inning rally which ended with the bases loaded fell short as the Cincinnati Clowns of the Negro American Baseball league defeated the Great Lakes Negro nine, 7 to 5, on Constitution field yesterday.

Larry Doby and Sonny Randall led the Sailors with three hits in five times at bat each, one of the former's safeties being a triple which drove in a run. Johnny Hay paced the winners with three singles. Score: 5-23-44

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Batteries—Overton and Basse[t]t; Wright and Clayton, Turner.

Black Barons Get Two Wins In Yank Stadium

B'ham Ala. News

6-8-44

NEW YORK — The Birmingham Black Barons, now leading the pennant race in the American Negro League, took two shutout victories over the Philadelphia Stars and the Black Yankees at the Yankee Stadium Sunday before 12,000 spectators.

Al Gipson pitched the Black Barons to a 9-0 win over the Stars in the first game, allowing two hits. Don Bankhead shut out the Black Yanks in the second game by a 13-0 score. Art Wilson got six hits in eight times at bat to hold his position as the league's leading batter and to push the Black Barons to their victories.

NAL Wants To Cooperate But NNL Plays "Hard To Get"

Tribune- Philadelphia, Pa.

1-8-44

NEW YORK—It's smart to keep your eyes peeled for developments in baseball. Baseball has moved to the No. 1 position in importance to colored Americans during this war; going ahead of professional boxing, basketball and football because organized baseball has yet to lower its color bar and admit qualified players. Boxing has done more than its share toward equality. It's list, long and impressive, of champions in every division, proves this. Athletes who once dominated professional football back in 1920, when Fritz Pollard, Ink Williams, Paul Robeson, Duke Slater, Dick Hudson, Sol Butler and others, laid the groundwork for the present National Pro Football League, were

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Negro American League O. K.

Meanwhile, the Negro American League at its winter meeting in Chicago went on record as saying that there is absolutely no objection on the part of its club owners to the current campaign for integration of Negro players into the major leagues. "We do ask, however," said Dr. J. B. Martin, "that if and when the majors to decide to admit Negro players they will give us the same consideration in regards to buying these players that they give to the minor leagues.

We have considerable money invested in this leaglue and our teams. If the majors want any of our players we will expect them to be purchased on the same basis and standards that are applied when minor leaguers are purchased."

On the other hand, in vivid contrast of attitudes, Negro National League, according to Tom Wilson, president, and Cum Posey, secretary, 'will very likely not discuss the possibility or the probability of losing some of their star players to white organized baseball, as the owners have not been approached by any clubs of white organized baseball seeking players."

Despite the criticism which has been hurled at those in charge of white organized baseball, the members of the Negro National League will endeavor to continue friendly relations with organized baseball. It has been through these friendly relations that the clubs of Negro organized baseball have been permitted to use practically every major and minor league park. It was the use of these parks which built organized Negro baseball to the position it now holds, it is the use of these parks which allows the baseball public to see the Negro players in action."

Posey and Wilson Slip Back

It seems unfortunate that Wilson, Posey and Company should issue such a statement upholding jim crow at this time when everybody is pressing for progressive attitudes and real Americanisms. The stupid assertion that because the white let the colored leagues use their parks, is something to be praised only points out the fallacious thinking that has dominated the eastern league in late years and has in a measure, been the big block to advancement of the players and of the game. 1-8-44

That the NNL should countenance such a viewpoint, especially in wartime when so many things are going on, when colored people as a whole are making such great steps in national recognition and everybody is lining up on the side of right and progress. It looks as though the NNL will go down fighting for white supremacy and jim crow in our national pastime, despite anything the rest of baseball might do.

CUBANS TRIUMPH BY 6-4

Times - New York, N.Y.

Beat the Black Yankees Before 12,000 at Polo Grounds

5-22-44

The New York Cubans opened the local season of the Negro National League by defeating the Black Yankees at the Polo Grounds yesterday before a crowd of 12,000 fans. Rallies in the eighth and ninth innings gave the Cubans the victory, 6 to 4. Thomas J. Curran, Secretary of State of New York State, tossed out the first ball to start the game. He was accompanied by Paul E. Lockwood, secretary to Governor Dewey. 5-22-44

In an exhibition game, played after the feature, the Baltimore Elite Giants defeated the Philadelphia Stars, 9 to 2.

— At the Stadium —

Negro Teams Look Like Major League Clubs

Daily Worker - New York, N.Y.

5-29-44

By PHIL GORDON

We had been seeing too many major league games, so yesterday decided we'd forgo the Giants and Cards at the Polo Grounds and the Dodgers and Reds at Ebbet Field for the New York Cubans and the Philly Stars at the Yankee Stadium.

The latter teams where playing a Negro National League double header in the home of the Yankees and for long moments you thought you were watching the Bombers themselves.

In this war year especially, the Negro teams seem to be the equal of the white teams despite the lack of manpower which has hit the Negro teams very hard.

Watching the game with Nat Low we couldn't help exclaim at the verve and dash with which the Negro teams played. You'll look around the white majors very carefully before you find a better shortstop than Rabbit Martinez of the Cubans, a better curve ball artist than Barney Brown of the Stars or a more magnificent fielding first baseman than Showboat Thomas of the Cubans.

Martinez was voted the best shortstop in the Negro League last year and deserved the award. He is not quite as fast as Phil Rizzuto used to be, but he's got an amazing pair of hands that hold any ball they grab. He can move to his right or left with equal ease and will rarely ever fail to chase back for pop flies hit into short left field. He's a master also, of dashing in for slow bounders and whipping them to first without winding up.

Dave Barnhill, the mighty mite, who was supposed to have pitched for the Cubans, sat the game out nursing a sore shoulder. The Cubans, without their big ace, dropped the ballgame 9-3, the Stars putting together sixteen hits to blast young Bob Howard. In the ninth inning, after two out, they collected seven bingles to score five times.

The games were practically indistinguishable from those played across the river at the Polo Grounds. If there's any difference between Negro and white major league baseball it lies only in the depth of talent the white teams have over the colored colleagues. Most of the Negro clubs carry only sixteen or so men They rarely have more than four pitchers and this puts quite a burden upon the flingers. 5-29-44

But outside of this, they run, field, hit and throw with any of the clubs now showing in the big time and with Barnhill on the mound I'd bet my dough on the Cubans to take almost all the clubs in the majors—outside of, perhaps the Cardinals and the Yankees.

May Use Players In Coast League

Call - Kansas City, Mo.

1-14-44

Phil Wrigley Agrees to Hire Scout for Coast Team

By DON De LEIGHBUR

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Black Rebels Play Columbus Monday

Advertiser

Negro Baseball Teams To Clash In Bowl

Montgomery, Ala.

Montgomery now has a colored baseball team — the Montgomery Black Rebels. Monday night the baseball fans of Montgomery will get a chance to see the Black Rebels in action. They will clash with the Columbus Stars in a single game at Cramton Bowl, which will start at 8:15.

The local team is owned and managed by Hoyt Taylor, who says he has a strong nine organized which can stand their ground with most any team. 5-22-44

The Rebels' starting line-up which will be made up of Montgomery boys, is as follows: Lawrence Whatley, lf; Fred Gilmer, 3b; June Johnson, 1b; Joe Bailey, ss; Hoyt Taylor, cf; Willie George, pitcher; Percy Thomas, rf; Levan Johnson, catcher; and George Edwards, 2b.

Taylor says the Rebels have a good team and also have several good independent teams to play. If the local fans show that they will support the team, a six-team loop may be organized. Teams in the league would be Selma, Atlanta, Columbus, Montgomery, and two more from this section of the country. 5-22-44

Monday night's game should be a red-hot affair since Columbus has one of the best negro independent clubs in the Southeast and should therefore be a real test for the local Black Rebels.

Montgomery Club Will Meet Braves

Daily World - Atlanta, Ga.

Baseball will return to Atlanta again this coming Sunday when the scrappy and classy Atlanta Braves take on an Alabama aggregation on Harper's Field in a twin-header. The first game is set to start at 2:30 o'clock.

Facing the Braves will be the Montgomery Black Rebels, the club that has been bowling over all opposition in this section, and one which comes here Sunday to put a halt to the winning stride of the Braves. 5-25-44

The Braves have one of the finest semi-pro outfits in the section and have defeated all comers this season. They are members of the Georgia-Tennessee semi-pro league, and at present are leading the loop in wins.

The club boasts some of the city's best semi-pros, and in every outing this season they have greatly pleased the fans, who have loyally supported the club.

Facing the Black Rebels in the opener Sunday will be Johnnie Mack, the Brave ace, who has yet to be stopped this season. He is going great and will be opposed by the Black Rebel ace. The nightcap will see two other stellar pitchers facing each other.

Chicago Giants Surprise Team Of Year

Advertiser Montgomery, Ala. 7-29-44

Here's the Chicago American Giants, the rejuvenated team of the Negro American League of professional baseball clubs who meet the Black Barons here Monday and Tuesday nights.

The baseball appetite of Montgomery fans was coming to a razor edge as the week came to a close in anticipation of the two games scheduled here Monday and Tuesday nights between the Chicago American Giants and the Birmingham (Thundering Herd) Black Barons. Both games are scheduled contests of the Negro American League and will be played at Cramton Bowl, starting promptly at 8:30 p.m. each day. 7-29-44

The management announced last night that in event of rain on Monday night a doubleheader would be played on Tuesday night, insuring the carrying forward of the schedule. Tickets will be placed on sale at a downtown location Monday to relieve congestion at the ticket gates.

There's a new spirit rampant on the Chicago team, which not so many years ago was the kingpin of Negro baseball, both during and after the reign of the late "Rube" Foster, of immortal managerial and pitching fame. The club's owner, Dr. J. B. Martin, who is also president of the Negro American League, and a new playing, manager, Lloyd ("Ducky") Davenport, have accomplished wonders this season. Their team is the talk of colored baseball circles.

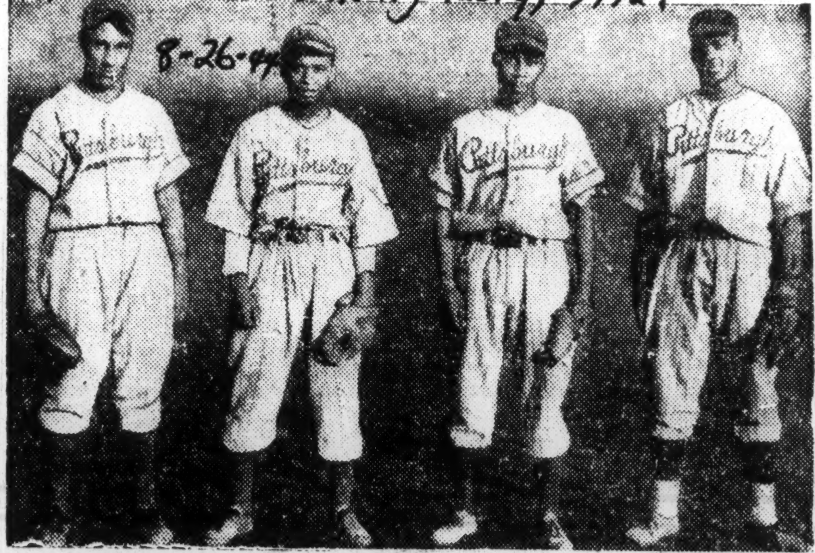
Davenport has instilled a fighting spirit in his veteran lineup. Leading flingers are Gread ("Lefty") McKnnis, Leroy Sutton, Gentry Jessup and Al Jones.

All other positions are capably manned. Heavy-hitting Herb Barnhill is catcher, the infield comprises Clyde Nelson, 1b; Art Pennington, 2b: flashy Ralph Wyatt, ss; and Jesse Douglas, 3b, while the outfield is one of the best in the league with fleet Johnny Bissant in left, Manager Davenport in center and John Smith in right. 7-29-44

Some of these men, particularly Wyatt, Davenport and Pennington, rate with the outstanding performers of the league at their respective position.

Come Here For First Time

Advertiser - Montgomery, Ala.



8-26-44

THE PITTSBURGH CRAWFORDS, former champions of the Negro National League, will be the first of several professional aggregations of the Negro baseball world to appear at Cramton Bowl in end-of-the-season and post-season games. The "Crawfords" meet the St. Louis Stars here Sept. 5 at 8:30 p.m. Above are the men who make up one of the finest infields in Negro baseball. Left to right: "Babyface" Peatross, 1b; "Jeep" Jones, ss; Eddie Daniels, 2b; and Joe Atkins, 3b.

Clowns Present Show To Whites

Daily World - Atlanta, Ga.

INDIANAPOLIS, Ind. — The nationally famous Cincinnati-Indianapolis Clowns, currently fighting tooth and nail for first place in the 2nd half Negro American League pennant race, have proven conclusively that their combined style of comical stunts mixed with good baseball is what the fans are coming out in droves to see. Noteworthy is the fact that the Indianapolis American Association (Class AA) League club invited the Clowns to present their "Pepper Game" and "Shadowball" exhibitions, led by that rollicking funmaker, King Tut, as an added attraction on August 19th, as a prelude to their scheduled League game between the Milwaukee Brewers and the Indianapolis Indians, at Victory Field here. 8-26-44

This is not the first time the Clowns have been invited to feature ther "famous show" by big league organized ball clubs in conjunction with regularly League scheduled games, but it is the first time the Negro American League "Showmen" have accepted such an invitation.

28,000 See K.C. Play Cuban's, Black Barons

Advertiser - Mont'g, Ala. 8-30-44

Two great baseball games were played in New York Sunday between teams of the Negro American League, the results which should be of interest to local fans, as all of the teams involved in the double bill will play at Montgomery's Cramton Bowl during September.

Here's the unbiased Associated Press' account of the Gotham doubleheader:

NEW YORK, Aug. 27.—(AP)—More than 28,000 spectators saw Satchel Paige and his Kansas City Monarch mates defeat the New York Cubans, 4 to 2, Sunday, in Yankee Stadium.

The Cubans took the second game, defeating the Birmingham Black Barons, 4 to 3.

The New York Cubans and the Birmingham Black Barons will come to Montgomery for a battle royal on Sept. 11, following the first of the season-end and post-season games which will be played here Sept. 5 between the Pittsburgh Crawfords and the St. Louis All Stars. 8-30-44

The Kansas City Monarchs are dated for Sept. 18 or 25, according to their travel arrangements at that time, but the opposition teams have not yet been selected.

All of the teams involved in these first games are top-rankers in Negro professional baseball, and the contests are expected to break all records from an attendance standpoint.

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odgers asked to ire Negroes

Tribune—Los Angeles, Calif.

NEW YORK—The National Nero Congress last week wrote to Branch Rickey, president of the Brooklyn Dodgers Ball Club, requesting an appointment to discuss the hiring of Negro baseball players. Pointing out that the Dodgers today need quality players, the Congress wrote that this gives Rickey an opportunity to help break down jim crow ball and at the same time benefit his team and himself.

The letter said in part:

"We note your recent statement to the press emphasizing your desire to improve your team by any means possible. We believe that the status of your team at the present time gives you an opportunity to [illegible] service to yourself, to the team, to the sports world, and to the furtherance of American democracy.

"We make this statement flatly, because we know the importance of sports, particularly baseball, in American life; because baseball is the last major sport to remain jim crow; and because m crow in an America fighting or democracy is an ugly anachronism. 8-7-44

"There are players available. There is a public (white as well as Negro) waiting to see the improved teams at work. The issue today is bigger than the Brooklyn Dodgers. But the Dodgers can be the medium of progress today, and we strongly urge you to take advantage of your opportunities, by hiring qualified Negro players.

Inter-racial Baseball Games Go Over Swell In Hannibal, Missouri

Argus - St. Louis, Mo. 8-18-44

HANNIBAL, Mo., Aug. 15.—The Hannibal White All Stars, picked by Elmer Kerr who aslo pitched the game for them, won over the Colored All Stars, 13-10 Sunday. Kerr, now 48, holds a pioneer figure in Negro baseball in Missouri. The old ace fanned ten batters. Hawks pitched for the Colored Stars and wiffed six. A nice crowd of Negroes and whites enjoyed the game.

August 27th the two clubs will meet again. This Sundav the Quincy Colored Giants will play the White All Stars.

Chicago Giants Beat Black Barons, 4 To 2

B'ham News

B'ham, Ala. 8-3-44

The Chicago American Giants pulled the strings a little tighter on the Black Barons' lead in the second-half race for the Negro American League pennant by defeating them, 4 to 2, Wednesday night at Rickwood behind Jessup's three-hit pitching. This loss by Birmingham cut their first-place lead down one game. Jessup sent seven Baron batsmen down by the strike-out route. 8-3-44

Highlighting the Giants' offensive drive was L. Smith's circuit smash in the second with none on, to give an early lead. Birmingham came back in the last half of the inning on Steel's triple steal to tie the game up. Four miscues on the Barons' part helped the Giants in their win. Huber was the losing hurler.

Chicago Giants 010 100 020—4 6 2
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Jessup and Barnhill; Huber and Bassett.

Courier-Journal
Louisville, Ky.
9-10-44

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NOT CAMERA SHY—Even the chickens on Satchel Paige's farm are publicity wise as they ignore the feed in the much-publicized Negro pitcher's hand to face the photographer. Satchel will pitch for the St. Louis Stars against the Freeman Field Flyers Sunday afternoon at Parkway Field.

Satch Paige To Hurl Here This Afternoon

Courier-Journal
Louisville, Ky. 9-10-44

What might be the best Sunday baseball attraction arranged this season in Negro professional baseball is scheduled at Parkway Fied for Sunday afternoon when a double-header is to be played featuring Satchel Paige, the world's Negro greatest moundsman, who will hurl for the popular St. Louis Stars against the Freeman Field Blue Devils, crack Army Air Fliers team. 9-10-44

The St Louis club has scored victories here on several occasions and Freeman Field has won twice over the Pittsburgh Crawfords, and lost by only 3-2 to Paige on his last appearance here. Paige had to strike out 11 consecutive batters to defeat them on his last appearance.

Paige, in all probability, will pitch the full first game, which is something that he doesn't often do.

Black Barons Out Of Negro Series

Post—Washington, D.C.
9-25-44

WASHINGTON, Sept. 25.—(Special)—Birmingham's Black Barons lost out in the Negro World Series here yesterday when they lost to the Washington Homestead Grays, 4-2. The Grays took four out of five games. It was the second time the two pennant winners played in the series, the Grays defeating the Black Barons last year.

World Series And Negroes Still Out Of Big Leagues

Daily World — Atlanta, Ga.
9-17-44

By DON DE LEIGHBUR

NEW YORK —(CN) — Another World Series is just around the corner with the St. Louis Cardinals of the National League and one of three American League teams—the champion New York Yankees, the St. Louis Browns or the Detroit Tigers—as the principals in the annual sports drama enacted every fall. The series promises everything to the fan save the presence of a Negro in the lineups of the participating teams.

This year, as in past years, there will be no Josh Gibson, no Ray Dandridge, no Satchel Paige, no Roy Campinella, no Terris McDuffie, no Frank Coimbre no Buddy Armour, and no Jesse Williams on hand to perform mainly because of the vicious, un-American stupid narrow-minded policies of the Major Leagues toward Negroes and on account of a chauvinistic, selfish attitude on the part of the owners of most of the Negro clubs that join hands in keeping the barrier firmly in place against encroachment of qualified Negro players.

LANDIS SEEN AT FAULT

9-17-44

Judge Kensaw Mountain Landis, high commissioner of baseball, has handled the affairs of organized baseball since 1919 with an iron hand; he has given decisions viewed in many quarters as highly arbitrary, he has performed his duties in as high-handed a manner as befits a czar, but he has never shown the courage and the highmindedness of the American ideal in seeing that justice is done to the hundreds of deserving baseball players who could be candidates for teams like the Yankees, the Browns, the Cards or the Tigers, solely because their skins are not white. Under Judge Landis every race under the sun save the Negro has been given the greenlight to play in America's national pastime under conditions that exist in professional baseball circles but the Negro.

Players polls taken among white baseball stars and club managers reveal that the majority of white players have no objections to Negro teammates.

9-17-44

With the color line in transportation on the nation's railways constantly being battered down, the squawk about Negroes travelling with white clubs doesn't hold water. Neither does the beef about hotel accommodations. Negro citizens stop in the big hotels in northern cities such as Boston, Philadelphia, Chicago and New York.

Negro athletes fraternize with white teammates and white rivals in collegiate football, basketball and track without incident. Restaurant color lines are being thrown aside. The age-old bugaboo of Negro men and white women in contact doesn't exist in baseball since players are on and off the field in many cases without contact with the fans. 9-17-44

AGE-OLD WHITE SUPREMACY

With these facts so apparent, on the part of the Major League just what is behind the insistence club owners and officials that Negroes at all cost must be kept out of organized baseball? One reason is almost certain to be the age-old white supremacy theory that one finds flourishing so extensively South of the Mason-Dixon Line. To allow a Negro to play baseball with a white big legaue team tears down one of the cherished theories of the lilywhites that some things must always be unattainable for Negroes. To allow a Negro to play big league baseball would be as bad a dose for the anti-Negro pro-fascist Anglo-Saxon as to lower the immigration bars and allow the California coast to be flooded with Chinese an other Orientals.

9-17-44

Negro operators of ball clubs don't want Negro players in big league uniforms on the rather stupid assumption that their investment will be endangered. They have the notion that if the big leagues decide to give Negroes an opportunity, they will start raiding their rosters taking their star players and giving them no redress at all.

Then there is the selfish desire latent in the average club owner's bosom in which he wants to perpetuate and get rich off an institution built on a Jim Crow condition. In order words, as long as the white owners bar Negroes and as long as Negroes want to see all-Negro teams ,the owners plan to keep the ball rolling in that direction. 9-17-44

THINKS AGREEMENTS MADE

Toward this end, agreements have been made that find Negro owners saying absolutely nothing on this all-important question while they use most of the major league parks for their games while the big leaguers are on the road Whether an "understanding" has been reached with the major leagues to the effect that the Negro owners won't say anything to further the campaign to integrate Negro ballplayers into the major leagues while enjoying the rather doubtful favor of the white park owners, is not a matter of complete record. However, Cum Posey, secretary of the Negro National League ,isued a statement at last winter's meeting of the circuit in which the idea of such a deal existed.

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Whatever the state of affairs between the big league owners and the operators of the colored clubs, the fact remains that no Negroes will play in the World Series this year or any other year until every facility at the command of all fair-minded sports fans and citizens of every race is brought to bear on the situation to force through this prim lesson in democracy.

Negro Marine Baseball Nine Sprinkled With Bigtime Stars

Amsterdam News — New York, N.Y.

Corp. Dan Bankhead, Black Baron Ace, Leads Club That Has Riddle, White, Quinn, Seagraves, Others

5-6-44

(The following story was written by Sergeant Charles B. Kopp, of Greensboro, Ga., a Marine Corps Combat Correspondent).

CAMP LeJEUNE, N. C.—Hotter than any two-bit pipe in the tobacco state is the Negro Marines' national baseball club here at Montford Point.

The team, which won 22 games and tied one last season, is led by Corp. Dan R. Bankhead, of 3106 35th Street, Los Angeles, Calif., who formerly pitched for the Birmingham Black Barons, Cincinnati Clowns, and Puerto Rico Stars.

Corporal Bankhead twice played in East-West contests, and he boasts four decisions over the famous Satchel Paige.

Good Twirling Array

The team also has four other able pitchers—Corp. Winzer Turner, of Grambling, La., formerly of Louisiana Normal College; Pfc. Freddie Jackson, of Scotlandsville, Ia., formerly of Southern University; Pfc. James Wilson, of Route 6. Bessemer, Ala.; formerly of the Atlanta Black Crackers, and Pfc. Laymon Ramsey, of 4520 Eighth Terrace, North, Birmingham, Ala., formerly of the Birmingham Black Barons.

Catchers are Pfc. Eugene Jones, of 640 Gilbert Manor, Augusta, Ga., who pitched for the Augusta Giants and Savannah, Ga., Indians, and Pvt. Samuel Seagraves, of 2019 Hobey Street, Indianapolis, Ind., formerly of the Cleveland Buckeyes.

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Infield Excellent

The infield consists of first baseman, Sergt. William H. McNelly, of Millen, Ga., formerly of the Cincinnati Clowns; second baseman, Sergt. Marshall Riddle, of 1344 North Elliott Ave, St. Louis, Mo., formerly of the Cleveland Buckeyes, St. Louis Stars, and East-West games; third baseman, Pfc. Manuel Stewart, of 847 Rebecca Place, Elizabeth, N. J., a former semi-professional performer, Pfc. Ernest Beard of 1059 Grand Street, Memphis, Tenn., formerly of the Memphis Red Sox. The utility infielder is Pfc. Reuben Johnson of 107 East Arlington Drive, Lawton, Okla., formerly of Langston University and the Houston, Tex., Stars.

Outfielders are Pfc. Leonidas Curtis, of 309 Craig Avenue, Vinton, Va., formerly of the Roanoke Black Cardinals and Newark Eagles; Corp. Tellis Quinn, of 1200 Mississippi Street, Jackson, Miss., formerly of the Chicago American Giants and Flint, Mich., Stars; Corp. M. McCullan Cleveland of Farmersville, La., formerly of Louisiana Normal College, and Pvt. William White of Memphis, Tenn., formerly of the Memphis Red Sox.

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SEPIA STARS WHO ARE SIZZLING BELOW THE BORDER

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5-13-44

Baseball season is well under-way down in Mexico and Negro players are going great guns in the powerful Mexican league, which is equivalent to our big leagues below the border.

Above are two Negro stars who are standouts in the Mexican league and hold the status of national heroes.

At the left is Theolic Smith, brilliant pitcher, who starred for the Cleveland Buckeyes in the Negro American league last year. Smith is surrounded here by a group of admiring youngsters after having won his fifth successive game of the season.

At the right is big Bill Wright, formerly of the Baltimore Elite Giants, who is now playing the outfield for Mexico City. He is pictured rounding third base after hitting a 420-foot home run recently against Monterey.—Photos Courtesy of La Aficion.

Clowns Play Black Crackers

Constitution - Atlanta
10-2-44 Ga.

Negro baseball's greatest drawing card, the scintillating Cincinnati Clowns, who were bangup runners-up for first-half honors in the Negro American League this season, face the Atlanta Black Crackers at 8:15 o'clock at Ponce de Leon Park Tuesday night.

It's the best ball club the Clowns have had since they won the last Denver national tournament in 1941. Flashy, brilliant play, strength in all departments and plenty of the old college try mark their efforts. And the novelty and comedy stunts the fans have long come to expect from this clever coterie hasn't been overlooked. King Tut, the funniest man in baseball, is always on hand for the Clowns' capricious bag of tricks that includes 'pepperball, shadowball and other hilarious and entertaining antics.

The Clowns hold box office records everywhere, but this season with a lineup including such greatest of greats as Manager Jesse (Hoss) Walker, Alec Radcliffe, Antonio Ruiz, Johnny Ray, Leo Lugo, Buster Haywood, Armand Vasquez, Roosevelt (Duro) Davis, Rafael Cabreru, and others, finds them delighting more than ever. The fans always like to see the Clowns win, and the boys usually come through.

Cleveland Official Says Mexicans Are 'Stealing' Players

Courier
Pittsburgh, Pa. 3-25-44

CLEVELAND, Ohio—Already confronted with replacement problems due to the current manpower shortage, owners of teams in organized Negro baseball charged this week that officials of the Mexican League, with headquarters in Mexico City, are "stealing" the best Negro players in the United States and taking them to the sunny land south of the border. Owners of teams in the Negro American and National leagues said this week that Mexican officials are luring American players by dangling lucrative salaries before them, forcing the players to break contracts with American clubs and getting them into Mexico through the co-operation of the Mexican government.

Wilbur Hayes, general manager of the Cleveland Buckeyes, Negro American league entry, charged this week that a sportswriter in St. Louis, Mo., is co-operating with the Mexican clique by acting as the "contact man" and making it possible for Negro players to leave the country.

Hayes said that Theolic "Fireball" Smith, one of the outstanding pitchers in Negro baseball last year, and the star of the Cleveland staff, broke his contract and went to Mexico last week. He also said that the Mexican interests have tried to take Billy Horne, sensational shortstop, and Willie Jefferson, a dependable pitcher of Cleveland.

In making his charges, Hayes alleged that a former Cleveland player, Quincy Troupe, now in Mexico, is also acting as a representative for the Mexican baseball interests.

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BELL QUITS GRAYS

Meantime, it was exclusively reported this week by Herman Hill, Courier representative on the West Coast, that James "Cool Papa" Bell, veteran outfielder of the Homestead Grays, has broken his contract with the sepia champions of baseball and returned to Mexico, where he played in 1941.

Cum Posey, co-owner of the Grays, told The Courier Monday morning that he is going to ask the State Department to stop the "wholesale raiding" of American players by the Mexican baseball officials.

"I am going to Washington this week," Posey said, "to see if something can't be done about this. If they continue to take our players it will be impossible for us to operate."

Last year a representative from Mexico became involved in a melee with two of the Grays' officials at Forbes Field in Pittsburgh when he attempted to lure Josh Gibson, famous catcher; Sam Bankhead, shortstop, and Buck Leonard, first baseman, to Mexico in the middle of the Negro National league pennant race. The controversy ended with the Mexican representative and the Grays' officials being taken before a Pittsburgh magistrate, who released all three after hearing the case.

WILSON PROTESTS

Thomas T. Wilson, president of the NNL and owner of the Baltimore Elite Giants, charged last week that the Mexicans had "stolen" Bill Wright, brilliant outfielder, and Chet Brewer, veteran pitcher, whom, he said, belong to Baltimore.

"Every American Negro playing in the Mexican league," Wilson said, "is a contract 'jumper,' induced to jump by representatives of the Mexican league, who make a practice of coming to the States and luring these players by promising them high salaries and tempting them with plenty of advance money."

Wilbur Hayes told The Courier this week that the Mexican league representative had tried to "steal" Eugene Bremmer, topnotch pitcher, by offering him $350 a month, and that Willie Jefferson had received $400 in cash for expenses to Mexico.

While the Negro leaguers have been trying to combat the Mexicans, the white leagues have encountered difficulty for the first time. The Syracuse club of the International league charged two weeks ago that Antonio Rodriguez, Mexican infielder, had quit and returned to his native land after having played with Syracuse last season.

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The Syracuse owner said that he had been lured back to Mexico by a "fat" salary and other considerations.

Meantime, while Syracuse and owners of teams in Negro baseball are yelping for a Mexican scalp, Clark Griffith, owner of the Washington Senators, continues to sign up Mexican and Cuban players in wholesale lots. With 15 Mexicans and Cubans already on his club, Griffith announced last week that 20 more Latins are due in the Washington camp this week. Well informed sources here contend that the Mexican officials intend to cite Griffith's Latin-staffed ball club as an example of how American interests are attempting to ruin baseball in Mexico, if the issue is placed before the State Department.

Call Rickey's "Bluff"; Urge Use of Colored Players.

Afro-American, Baltimore, Md.
8-5-44

NEW YORK—Two nationally-known organizations — the National Maritime Union and the National Negro Congress—acting to call the "bluff" of President Branch Rickey of the Brooklyn Dodgers, urged the use of qualified colored players as a means of aiding the Dodgers in their fight for the National League pennant, here last week.

Rickey, who told the press not long ago that he was willing and anxious to improve the Brooklyn club, promised "to spend the money to purchase new players if anyone knew where he could find them."

The crew of a troop transport, the S. S. Argentina, immediately wired him suggesting that he "bolster our beloved Dodgers by signing some of the swell colored players that are to be found in the United States."

Could Aid Democracy

The telegram stated it was coming from 277 members of the Maritime Union who "have helped to carry more than 100,000 soldiers to the battle fields of the world and who, colored and white, work together in complete harmony."

The NNC letter to Rickey says, in part:

"We note your recent statement to the press emphasizing your desire to improve your team by any means possible. We believe that the status of your team at the present time gives you an opportunity to do a service to yourself, to the team, to the sports world, and to the furtherance of American democracy.

"We make this statement flatly, because we know the importance of sports, particularly baseball, in American life; because baseball is the last major sport to remain jim crow; and because jim crow in an America fighting for democracy is an ugly anachronism.

"There are players available. There is a public (white as well as colored) waiting to see improved teams at work. The issue today is bigger than the Brooklyn Dodgers. But the Dodgers can be the medium of progress today, and we strongly urge you to take advantage of your opportunities, by hiring qualified colored players."

Negro Baseball
et $10,000 A Year

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Committee Named to Scour Country for Man Capable of Holding Commissionership at Highly Successful Joint Session in New York

12-23-44

By WENDELL SMITH, Sports Editor

NEW YORK CITY, N. Y.—For the first time in its turbulent history Negro baseball has agreed that the only solution to its varied and many problems is the naming of a commissioner . . . a man who will rule its three million dollar empire with an iron hand.

Last Saturday afternoon at a joint session of the Negro American and National leagues, the owners agreed that Negro baseball cannot continue to prosper without a commissioner, and named a four-man committee to scour the Nation for the most eligible man for the job. The committee was advised to bring in a list of names of prominent men who might possibly accept the job at the next joint meeting, which will be some time in May. The members of the committee are C. W. Posey of the Homestead Grays; Edward Bolden, Philadelphia Stars, National league representatives; Thomas Hayes, Birmingham Black Barons, and Dr. B. B. Martin of the Memphis Red Sox, American league representatives.

HIGHLIGHT OF MEETING

The establishment of this committee was the highlight of the two-day session of the two major Negro baseball leagues here at the Theresa hotel Friday and Saturday. The leagues met separately Friday morning and jointly Friday afternoon. Saturday's session was a joint meeting and the most successful one they have had in many years.

Besides the committee named to scout for a commissioner, the leagues also named a committee to work out all details for the 1945 East-West game. This committee was established to make definite plans for the annual classic, and to prevent a repetition of last year when the players threatened to strike. The members of this committee are Abe Manley, Newark Eagles; Alex Pompez, New York Cubans, National league representatives; Ernest Wright, Cleveland Buckeyes, and Thomas Baird of Kansas City, American league representatives.

HELD ELECTIONS

Elections were held and the National league returned all incumbent officers. Thomas Wilson was re-elected president; Edward Bolden, vice-president; C. W. Posey and Edward Gottlieb, secretaries, and Abe Manley, treasurer. The Americans returned all officers but one. Frank Young, sports editor of the Chicago Defender, was elected secretary, succeeding R. S. Simmons of Chicago. J. B. Martin was re-elected president; Ernest Wright, Cleveland, vice-president, and J. L. Wilkinson of Kansas City, treasurer. Martin, however, did not return to his office without a fight. Two owners, Thomas Hayes of Birmingham and Syd Pollock of the Cincinnati team, voted in favor of Atty. J. G. Shackleford of Cleveland, Ohio. The four other owners, however, cast their ballots for Martin.

NUNN SPEAKS

At the joint session on Friday, William G. Nunn, managing editor of The Pittsburgh Courier, and a former secretary of the Negro National league, addressed the owners. Mr. Nunn called upon the magnates to develop plans for the establishment of a commissioner's office and to develop the East-West promotion on a sound basis.

He pointed out that Negro baseball has grown into a major business and stressed the necessity of "building your fences" for future years. "You need a commissioner to perpetuate Negro baseball," Mr. Nunn asserted, and to prove to the world that you can operate big business as big business should be operated."

He said a commissioner should receive no less than $10,000 a year and should be elected for at least five years.

SOUND SPEECH

His speech was straight-forward and to the point. It was a down-to-earth" speech that each owner understood thoroughly and one that cut no corners. The 12 owners and rulers of Negro baseball's empire were obviously impressed, and the following day at their second joint session they named a committee to work on the problem of a commissioner. This marked the first time such action has been taken in the history of the two leagues.

Negro Baseball Has Fine Growth

Daily World — Atlanta, Ga.

11-22-44

By R. S. SIMMONS, Secretary

CHICAGO—(SNS) — While reviewing the season of 1944 in the Negro American League and comparing the results with that of 1943, and other past years, we find that, from the standpoint of attendance and quality of baseball played, the improvements in both have reached a high mark.

This shows the cooperation necessary to build and continue to go forward, on the part of the fans and players in conjunction with the team owners. The fans showed their loyalty, for clean sports which took them into the outdoor fresh air, and too, it helped to build morale in those whose hearts and minds were burdened down from the strains of war.

On the other hand, and in return, the players of our league, exemplified themselves through action, proving to the fans, that they were great athletes, out there to give them such pleasures they so desired.

TEAMS HAD CONFIDENCE

After the spring drills in the various camps, all of the teams seemed ready, with confidence, when May 7th ,the opening day rolled around. On this day, we found the Champion Birmingham Black Barons against the Chicago American Giants "At Chicago," Kansas City Monarchs vs Memphis Red Sox "At Memphis;" and the Cleveland Buckeyes meeting the Cincinnati-Indianapolis Clowns, "At Indianapolis" and the 1944 race had begun.

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The season opener brought about another thought in the minds of fans and players and that was, what city was going to win the league trophy, by having the largest attendance at the opening game. Kansas City won the beautiful trophy for 1944, and those who helped to bring about such a victory shared the honors proudly this season. Well, what about the trophy in 1945. The Missourians will try and retain it, yet other cities in the league are looking forward to bringing the said trophy to their own communities.

Yes, there was plenty of action in the league during the first and second half infielding, hitting and pitching. Dr. J. B. Martin, President of the Negro American League, Mr. Thomas T. Wilson, President of the Negro National League and their Board of Directors, are due much credit for securing the services of the Howe News Bureau and the Al Munro Elias Baseball Bureau, who gave the fans an accurate compilation of the leagues team, fielding, batting and pitching records. These records have brought thousands of favorable comments into the offices of both leagues To this end, players of both leagues whose records this season were comparatively low, have already expressed their desire of having a higher record in 1945.

EAST-WEST GAME

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The East-West game, which has grown to be the largest affair of our group during the year, is expected to create a greater interest in 1945, due to the fact that the east and the west is in a tie of 6 games each in the 12 games played. However, the puzzling problem is how can we accommodate more customers, since each year every available space is usually taken.

All and all ,the team owners of the Negro American league, are looking forward to a greater season in 1945, hoping to give a greater brand of baseball than was produced in 1944. Improving is their by-word.

Satchel Paige: Shufflin' Lightnin'

PM-New York, N.Y.

Who is the biggest drawing card in baseball? Joe DiMaggio? Teddy Williams? Bobby Feller? Could be. But I doubt it. I'd say offhand, and from the record, it's a big gangly guy known as "Big Boy"—Old Leroy (Satch) Paige. And he's also — and has been for years — baseball's top paid star.

Ol' Satchmo—179, 6 feet 3, size 14 brogans—is pitching at Ebbets Field over the weekend in the second game of Sunday's double header there. He's with the Kansas City Monarchs, and when he shuffles out to the mound he'll be just 24 hours past his 38th birthday. 7-2-44

Fellows like Leo Durocher and Dizzy Dean who have seen Satch work will scoff at the age of 38 and swear he's better than 45 but that draft board card kinda convinced me.

How many games have you pitched, Satch?

"Hard tellin'. Better'n 2000 I guess. I got five scrapbooks filled with pictures and more than 2000 little items. It takes time to clip all those. Last season on a trip from Kansas City to Boston I threw at least one inning for 29 straight nights, rain and thunder."

As I say, this will be Satch's first trip into Ebbets Field. Figures to draw about $2,000 for his afternoon's work. His pitching, over the recent 10 years, has averaged him about $40,000 a season—a season starting down in the tropics country and probably ending before 47,000 at Comiskey Park in Chicago in the East-West Negro game.

Satchel has invested his earnings, operates a big apartment building in Kaycee, raises flocks of hens and hobbies in antiques and photography.

His money arm? Well, in the major leagues—if they had a workhorse anything like the Satch—He'd probably be kept under glass and coddled. Not Satch. 7-2-44

He does have a personal trainer named Frank Lloyd who has been with the Monarchs for 20 years, the last six of them exclusively as Satch's rubber. No fancy stuff on the Satch's soupbone. Just large applications of plain olive oil.

Ever seen Satch pitch? Well, sir, he really puts on a show. Who ever heard of a pitcher deliberately loading the bases to lend a little drama to a strikeout? He did it in Pittsburgh last season.

"There were two away and I was getting ready to leave the game. I go four, five maybe six innings now. Josh Gibson, the Pittsburgh Gray homer hitter (The Babe Ruth of Negro baseball—Ed) was slated to hit, providing three men came up ahead of him.

"Josh's dad had bet me $5 I couldn't strike Josh out. I walked those three guys and by golly, I got that Josh on three straight pitches. Josh is a great hitter, but I got his number."

Paige likes to boast about the season he played in Puerto Rico, winning his 23 straight and hitting .401. When he lost his 24th game by 3-2, the fans wouldn't speak to him.

"They said I musta been out drinkin' the night before." 7-2-44

Paige is as unusual as he is great. Before all his games he takes part in the pepper drill and often works out at third base during infield practice. He wears two pair of heavy stockings because his legs are so pipe-stemmy.

Last Tuesday in Philadelphia, 14,000 fans turned out to see Satch, a good crowd for that town. Last season, he drew 24,000 at Shibe Park. 7-2-44

The other night at Griffith Stadium in Washington, he set a new night record when 26,000 fans turned out. He has drawn 50,000 to Briggs Stadium in Detroit and has gone over 40,000 several times in Chicago. Likewise in New York.

Paige was sick the night the record was set in Washington. His mates said he'd better see a doctor and that he probably couldn't play. Satch would have none of that.

"See all those people?" He said, pointing. "They're here to see Satch pitch and Satch will pitch." He did too, for five innings.

Clark Griffith, looking at the turnout in his ball park said:

"Amazing'. I don't know what to make of it."

Satch does though. He makes a lot of money and is satisfied with his lot. He would like to see the Negro players get a chance at the major leagues, but for Satch, he says:

"What club in the majors could pay me the kind of money I earn pitching this way?"

What club indeed, Satchmo!

Paige thinks he has four or five more pitching years left. Could be. But here's a chance to see him Sunday, without benefit of press clippings. He's still throwing that loose-armed delivery now—and seein's always better than readin'. He's truly an athletic phenomena of our time—and our Dads before us.

—Joe Cummiskey

Black Barons Heading Here To Play Crackers

Daily World - Atlanta, Ga.

6-25-44

By J. C. CHUNN

The Birmingham Black Barons are rightfully classed the best team in sepia baseball for 1944.

Close observers of sports and baseball experts believe the Barons to be the class of the country because of the power, versality and all-around aggressiveness of the combined team.

The infield is classed as a quarter-of-a-million dollar outfit. That is to say that it would take that much to purchase Davis, at first base; Sampson, at second base; Art Wilson, at shortstop; Britton, third base, and Double-Duty Radcliffe, catcher. By careful study one can see why it is called a $250,000 infield as all the talent one could ever wish for is there.

GREATEST ATTRACTION OF YEAR

This outstanding club will play in Atlanta Thursday night at 8:15. Atlanta has neve seen this team together like it is today. They have seen the Barons this year when several youngsters were trying to make the club, but today it ready and to insue that fact, they are leading the Negro American League and on the side they have defeated already the top teams of the National League during their offdays from league play.

The Atlanta Black Crackers who have been pushing teams around at will are in for their acid test. They meet Birmingham Thursday night in Ponce De Leon Park. Atlanta fandom believes its team can hold its own against the Barons. This is the real competition the fans have wanted and a packed park is expected.

MANAGER WELCH FEARS ATLANTA CLUB

6-25-44

If a manager were ever in hot water, Manager Welch was in that predicament the last time he was here. The Crackers in that game bounced on him for a four run lead before he could see what was really happening. Welch, in oldtime fashion, got busy, and although it was the last inning before a winner could be determined, the old fox emerged victrious and glad to get out. After that eventful contest, Welch declared that it was he hittingest team in baseball today. He also had a world of praise for the players and management of the Atlanta club, especially the pitchers.

The Birmingham outfield is where the power rests. With the exception of Art Wilson, plucky little shortstop who is leading the American League in batting, Big Steele, Lockett and Young can break up anybody's ball game at any given time.

PITCHERS WILL BE CAREFULLY SELECTED

Manager Welch will have either John Huber, John Hunter, a former Black Cracker pitcher, Saylor, Gipson and two or three others to throw at Atlanta, but it is believed his best bet will be Gibson, the ace, who is the leading pitcher in league today.

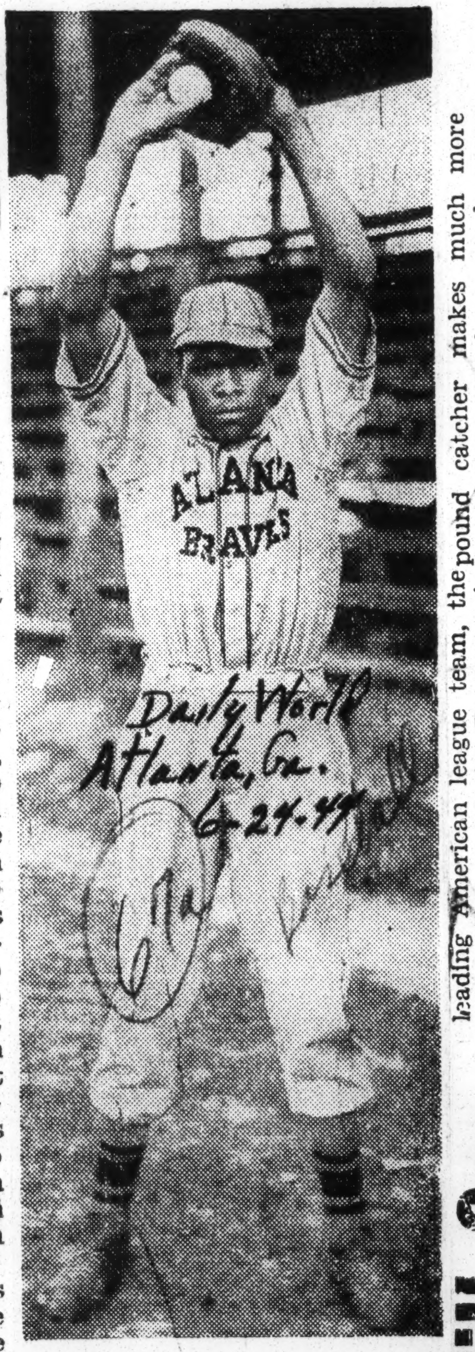
Manager Manning wants this game more than any he has played this year. Manning may go to the mound himself in an effort to beat his hometown team and that would be his geatest thrill if such is accomplished. There is no doubt about Manning being a great pitcher. He believes in himself and is cool on the mound. He likes to pitch to Harry Barnes, the veteran catcher, and the two make a team that will be hard for Birmingham to handle. 6-25-44

Shepard, Morgan, Sims, Evans and Williams will be kept in the bullpen if he weakens. Evans, the new sensation from Philadelphia, will most likely be the first pitcher to relieve Manning, should he weakens.

ATLANTA TEAM MAY BE READY

Dusty Owens may be offered a permanent place with the Black Cracker team at second base when he returns to town. Dusty is a favorite here with the fans and a great hitter. If this is done, it will give the Crackers one of the hardest hitting infields in baseball in Grimes, at first base; Owens, at second base; Oliver, at shortstop, and Andrews at third, and Harry Barnes catching. Any man in the infield is capable of breaking up a ball game at any time. The outfield wil remain the same with Frederick Shepherd, the Morris Brown flash at right, Freddie Shepard at left field and David T. Harper, the Clark College All-American, in centerfield. (Adv.)

Strikeout King



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Atlanta, Ga.
6-24-44

Ace hurler of the Atlanta Braves is John Henry Mack, known as Dixie's strikeout king, who will get the starting assignment Sunday against the strong Fort Jackson, Columbia, S. C., soldier baseball club. Mack has not been drubbed this season and will enter the fray fully confident of victory. His club will play the soldiers in a twin-header, starting at Harper's Field at 2:30 o'clock. (Adv.).

Local Fans Will See Champs In Ponce Park

Daily World-Atlanta, Ga

6-24-44

By J. C. CHUNN

Big Harry Barnes, veteran receiver of the Atlanta Black Cracker baseball team, which meets the leading American league team, the Birmingham Black Barons, in Ponce de Leon Park Thursday night at 8:15, is the main secret of the Black Cracker success this year.

Barnes, who is married and has a wife and five children, is one of the highest paid players on the club and is well worth his weight in gold. However, the big 220 pound catcher makes much more than his weight by a good margin. His handling of pitchers, his coolness under fire and his hard-hitting has caught the fan's fancy and along with it the "front offices" attention.

B'HAM OUTFIELDER BROKE TWO RIBS IN LAST GAME

His last tagle with the mighty

Baron club Barnes was the victim of an injury which everyone who saw it felt could have been easily avoided. He was removed from the game and hospitalized for over 10 days as the result of a collision with one of the Birmingham outfielders as he came in home with the score which untied the ball game. Every since that mishap, Barnes and other members of the club have wanted to meet the Barons again, but not for any scrupulous reason, but to avenge that defeat and to show Atlanta fandom that they have a club as good or better than the league leading Baron outfit.

Practically every club in the major leagues have tried to obtain the capable Barnes this season. He has faith in Atlanta fans and in the club which gave him his big chance this year. One of the easiest men on the club to handle, he is also considered a leader among the players themselves and is the best captain the team has ever had. 6-24-44

A FAVORITE WITH THE FANS

Barnes won his spurs the hard way. Coming to Atlanta with an equally good catcher in Joe Royal, who later was sent to the Black Yankees, Barnes took over where Royal left off and kept the team in the winning department. In fact, more coordination was seen immediately and team started its continuous winning ways and their hitting improved greatly. There was more order on the team and everything pointed to the veteran catcher as the cause of it all.

The fans in general always seemingly lean toward him when at bat and behind the plate. Very seldom a ball gets away from him and always he is on the hustle. In time it is believed that he will become the greatest receiver in Black Cracker history.

This piece is about a great lad and a great ball-player who deserve the fan's support, as he thinks first about the fans and last about himself. See his Thursday against the one club in America he wants to beat at Ponce de Leon park. If you would ask him today what he would rather do, or want most in this war-torn world, I am afraid the answer would be to beat Birmingham. He is a natural athlete, a great guy and a clean player. (Adv.)

No Color Line On Ability

PM-New York, N.Y.

(Joe Cummiskey is on vacation)

Some 8000 people watched three Negro National League teams play a double-header in the Polo Grounds yesterday. I'm amazed that the crowd wasn't twice as large. 7-10-44

In the first game the Philadelphia Stars trounced the Black Yankees by the lopsided score of 18-3, with the winners meeting the New York Cubans. This game was won by the Cubans, 4-3.

While it definitely would be stretching a point to say the general caliber of play came up to the white major league standard, the games are about as good entertainment as can be had for the spectator these baking, soggy days.

The first game was a sloppily-played contest, but not more so than plenty of exhibitions put on by the Dodgers, Giants and—yes—the 1944 Yanks. The second contest was sharp, tight and studded with smart stuff.

As far as sparkle is concerned, these teams have it. Take Jim West, the lumbering 40-odd-year-old first baseman of the Phils. Jim smacked four for five in the first game and you loved watching him do it. In the second game he fanned and made an atrocious error—and you loved it even more.

West is on the Lombardi type. He can make first on a smack to deep center field any time. He hit a double yesterday that even YOU could have got a triple on.

In addition to his clouting, West puts on an exhibition at first that's a glory to behold. His hipper-dipper handling of infielders' throws brings roars from the spectators.

And there's Goose Curry, manager of the Stars. Curry started the first game in right field, but came in to pitch when H. Glenn got wild in the second. Curry let the Yankees down with eight hits and belted a tremendous triple to the centerfield wall with two on in the fifth. 7-10-44

There's a man—and believe me, the Goose is no kid—who can pitch, field, hit and probably sell tickets if they should demand it of him.

Comparing Negro ball teams with whites, of course, is unfair. This isn't to say that there aren't many Negroes who have the ability to play with any team in any league. Such stars as Showboat Thomas, Satchell Paige, Dave Barnhill and others would make the grade easily were the ridicuous racial restrictions removed.

But as a general thing, there is a vast difference in opportunity. When a young Negro boy shows promise, he isn't snapped up by a big league chain. He isn't farmed out to a minor league club, where he can learn his profession under wise advice and careful handling. He isn't paid a salary while he is learning. He must get along strictly on his own.

Perhaps that is why so many Negro ballplayers show startling versatility. Baker of the Yanks, for instance, can play third or catch. Barney Brown pitches and plays the outfield. Any number of the players play several positions.

The biggest laugh of the day came when Catcher Baker and First Baseman Clayton of the Yanks both went after a short pop foul. Lumbering Jim West of the Stars was on third. Baker caught the ball, then engaged in a discussion of the play with Clayton. While they talked, Big Jim calmly picked up his feet and just trotted across the plate from third.

The umpiring was excellent. McCrary, at the plate and Fuller, at first, were sharp, decisive—and took no nonsense.—Carl Winston

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'Could Aid Dodgers,' Says Josh—Shows How

Daily Worker—New York, N.Y.

7-18-44

A few minutes before the start of the Homestead Grays-New York Cubans Negro National Leabue baseball game at the Polo Grounds Sunday, Josh Gibson, famed slugging catcher of the Grays who holds the all-time home run record for one season—75—told Daily Worker writer Phil Gordon that he could help the Dodgers end their slump and finish in the first division.

Josh wasn't boasting—he is sincerely modest—but at the same time quite confident of his ability to hit in the major leagues.

Then, just to give an example of the kind of help he meant to give the Dodgers, he blasted out a terrific 400-foot homer into the left field stands with one man on in the third inning and hit still another homer—380 feet—into the same stands in the fifth inning with the bases empty. 7-18-44

His pair of roundtrippers made it seven in 20 league games this season and helped the Grays tie the Cubans 6-6 in a game that was halted by the storm that broke over the city Sunday afternoon.

Are you listening, Branch Rickey?

Seamen Urge Dodgers To Sign Negro Players

Daily World

Atlanta, Ga.

7-28-44

NEW YORK—(SNS)—The men who man America's bridge of ships are deeply troubled by the ill-fortune of the Brooklyn Dodgers.

In reply to Branch Rickey, president of the Dodgers, who recently declared he would spend the money for new players if anyone knew where he could find them, the National Maritime Union crew of the United States Army Transport Argentina wired the Brooklyn Club to use Negroes, who are available in all sections of the country

This is a part of the wire sent Rickey, Dodger boss. "You don't know what it means to a dodger fan, Mr. Rickey, when he's a few thousand miles away on some ocean and the Radio room sends down the news from the states. and what do we read? Our dodgers have lost gain. Give us a break, Mr. Rickey, and get us some Negro ball players. We will be 100 per cent behind you."

NMU Vice-President Frederick N. Myers also wired Rickey, urging him to sign up Negro ball players. His telegram, sent on behalf of the union's 80,000 members of every race, color and creed, who work together harmoniously and effectively to keep 'em sailing, declares: "As a Brooklyn fan, born in Brooklyn of a family residing in Brooklyn for the past 200 years, and also as a plugger for the dodgers on the seven seas, I urge in the name of 80,000 seamen who believe that the dodgers can be a better ball team, that all available manpower is utilized. 7-28-44

"Urge that you take steps to see that Negro ballplayers are given an opportunity to put their talents to work on the Brooklyn team."

Have You Wired Rickey?

Daily Worker—New York, N.Y.

Dodger officials were getting innumerable demands from all sources to sign Negro players immediately in order to help the team. 7-19-44

You can help end the infamous ban on Negro players in the major leagues. Sit down right now, send a letter or telegram to Mr. Branch Rickey, President Brooklyn Dodgers, 215 Montague Street, Brooklyn, New York. 7-19-44

Get your union to pass a resolution on the ban and send it to Rickey. Get your neighbors and the men in your shop to do likewise.

Tuskegee AAF Has Great Nine

Constitution—Atlanta, Ga.

Four outstanding ball players are listed on the strong Tuskegee AAF team which invades Atlanta Sunday to battle the Charlotte Black Hornets at Ponce de Leon park at 2:30 p. m. Joseph Bowers, of the Newark Eagles; Albert Clark, of the Chicago American Giants; Elton Mackey, of the Ethiipian Clowns, and Arthur Grey, of the Newark Eagles, all were big-time ball players before they entered the service. 7-20-44

This double-header will be the last Negro game at Ponce de Leon until the Black Crackers return in August. The Atlanta club will play several games there during August and September, meeting many of the top clubs of the country and most of the American League teams. The game Tuesday night between the Black Crackers and Charlotte will be the last played here in July.

A special section of the grandstand will be set aside to accommodate white fans and one of the largest crowds of the year is expected. 7-20-44

Tuskegee will enter the game a heavy favorite. The soldiers hold the enviable record of winning 17 games and losing five. Many of the leading Army teams are listed as their victims.

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Baseball

Ponce De Leon Field Will Be Scene Of One

Daily World- Atlanta, Ga

5-21-44

By J. C. CHUNN

Atlanta fandom will have its first chance to see two baseball teams who have much more in common than just baseball.

The Georgia Indians and the Augusta Tigers who play a double-header this afternoon in Ponce de Leon park at 2:30 o'clock are the two bitter traditional rivals who will entertain the fans who attend this extraordinary encounter.

This game is sponsored by the Atlanta Black Crackers and should be just as entertaining as the Black Cracker games here.

Manager Henry N. Lewis of the Indians, is versus his old war-horse rival in Manager R. S. Duncan of the Giants. Here is rivalry at its greatest height.

The pitching choice of the Indians, according to Manager Lewis will be "Schoolboy" Williams, a right-hander in the opening, and Wyatt, an Atlanta boy in the nightcap. Lewis said that these two boys would give Duncan and his Giants fits all afternoon and he is depending on Robbie Robinson, the former Black Yankee player, Bowens, and his new catcher, Rollie Macon, to tear the ball to pieces here today. These men mentioned are all good hitters and should provide plenty power for the Indians.

DUNCAN SILENT ON PITCHING CHOICE

R. S. Duncan of Augusta was silent about who he would start in the two games, but it is believed that Johnson, a pitcher who beat the Indians once in Augusta, would be ready to open the double-header and the old veteran of the pitching staff, Waters, to go in the nightcap. Not knowing just what the foxy old veteran Duncan will do is causing Lewis plenty of unrest as all baseball men respect the judgment of the crafty manager of Augusta.

Manager Duncan also remained silent when asked about the players on his team which is said to be of big league caliber. He wanted everything to be a surprise to his old rival, Henry Lewis.

Lewis, knowing just how serious Duncan is taking this game, has strengthened the Indians considerably since his last showing here. He was able to hold the strong St. Louis club to a 4-3 victory in Montgomery Thursday night, with the Mitchell club winning by one score in the last inning. This showed him to be greatly improved and a great game looms here today.

ONE OF LARGEST CROWDS TO BE PRESENT 5-21-44

One of the largest crowds of white and colored fans is expected to be in the stands for this unusual encounter. Lewis will be there with his feathered cap and moccasins, hatchet and all. Duncan will be on hand with the same grudge that has made the meetings between the two teams one of the most colorful in southern baseball. (Adv.)

Black Barons Play Buckeyes Here May 28

News-Age Herald

Birmingham, Ala.

5-21-44

The Black Barons, who are to meet the Cleveland Buckeyes in a double-header at Rickwood Field Sunday, May 28, and who are currently leading the Negro American League in the chase for the '44 pennant, are really mopping up for honors in batting, pitching, runs scored, and items like that. For the first time in the history of the organization, Howe News Bureau of Chicago, has been compiling averages on what W. S. Welch's team is doing. And it makes interesting reading.

For instance, the Black Barons are leading the Negro American League in team batting with an average of .287. A further scanning of the statistics shows that Tom Hayes' club is also leading from a defensive standpoint. While Birmingham leads in team batting and Cleveland is second with .258, Rickwood's defenders are first in defensive play with .985, and the Memphis Red Sox are runners-up with .968.

5-21-44

Art Wilson, Birmingham shortstop, is the real leader of the American League in batting. Wilson has an average of .542. He has been in seven games, has been at bat 24 times, has lammed out 13 hits, and to date is the most sensational performer at bat the Negro American League has ever seen after the loop has been in production for this long a time. Britton, of Cleveland, a catcher, who has been in only two full games, is hitting .600.

Young, outfielder for the Birmingham club, is also hitting .500, and Lester Lockett has been whamming the ball at a .320 clip since the season started. McLaurin is close behind him with .318.

Jumping over into the pitching department, one sees that Saylor, of the Birmingham club, is among the topnotchers. He has won two and lost none and is tied with Jefferson, of the Cleveland club, in this regard. For that matter, Al Gipson, of the Black Barons, boasts the same record to date, while Newberry, the Black Baron newcomer, has won one and lost none in the current season.

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3 Teams Twin-Header Slated For Harper's

Daily World- Atlanta, Ga.

5-21-44

BY SPIKE WASHINGTON
World Sports Editor

Atlanta will see its first three team double-header today on Harper's Field, beginning at 8:30, for the first time this season.

Contesting will be the Atlanta Braves, winners of a great many of their games this season; the Camp Forrest, Tennessee Army nine, and another Atlanta club, the Scripto, Black Cats.

The Atlanta Braves will meet Scripto in the opener and the winner of this contest will meet the soldier's strong aggregation in the nightcap. Since this is an unusual baseball affair it is believed that there will be a record crowd on hand to see just how furious the fight will be between Scripto and the Braves in the opening game to have the right to meet Uncle Sam's boys in the second game.

The Braves boast one of the strongest lineups in the city and has beaten every club played so far this season. They have bowled over such clubs as the Atlanta Red Sox, the Georgia Indians, three out of four and have conquered other clubs of like caliber. The club, like Scripto, is a member of the Georgia-Tennessee Semi-Pro Baseball Loop and from advance reports it has been learned that Scripto is no slouch on the diamond, and will enter the fray intent of licking their city and league rivals.

Reports from other sections of the south acclaim highly the diamond exploits of the Camp Forest balltossers, who are said to be out to win the service title for the south. They have been playing great ball and have been licking all comers with ease. They are coming here with an array of talent that has been excellently put together and fans will certainly be impressed with their diamond prowess. 5-21-44

Praised highly for his fine mound performance, especially his feat of whiffing 16 Georgia Indians several weeks ago, is John Henry Mack, youthful Brave righthander, who has a fine change of pace, a slow one, and a fastball deluxe. He will pitch in the opening game today and will be facing Scripto's ace. It is also noted here by the Brave management that the team is anxious for games with any semi-pro or pro outfit in or out of the city. The manager may be contacted through the World's sports department.

Black Crackers Go Good On Road

Daily World- Atlanta, Ga

5-25-44

Arriving in the city Wednesday from a trip out in Texas and Louisiana with his Black Crackers of Atlanta was John Harden, owner of the crack balltossers, who have quite a reputation for themselves abroad as well as at home. Harden comes back, leaving the club on the road for a spell, with the highest words of praise for his diamond luminaries.

He told the WORLD on arrival that his club was far ahead in wins over the St. Louis Stars which club his club is barnstorming with for several weeks. He stated that the Stars are putting up heated scraps, and are winning some of the frays, and announced further that his lads beat the Missouri club Sunday in Beaumont, Tex., by the score of 2 to 1, and licked them again Tuesday night in San Antonio by the tally of 3 to 1, both engagements before record crowds. 5-25-44

Mr. Harden stated further that within the next few days his club will be back in the city making preparations to play a series of

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Monarchs Are Well Balanced Baseball Club

Advertiser

Montgomery, Ala.

6-13-44

Duncan Bringing Group Of Seasoned Men Here To Meet Buckeyes

KANSAS CITY, June 12.—The Kansas City Monarchs and the Cleveland Buckeyes of the Negro American League will clash in Montgomery, Ala., Wednesday, June 14, at 8:15 p.m., in what promises to be some real diamond entertainment.

Managed by Frank Duncan, who has been with the team a quarter of a century, the Monarchs have another strong team this season. Duncan for almost two decades was the leading catcher in the Negro American League and he still presses himself into service when the occasion calls. He has seen service behind the platter, at first and as a pinch hitter this season.

The other oldtimer on the team is Newt Allen, rightfielder, who is in his 23rd season. Allen has played every infield position in his long tenure with the Monarchs. He started out as a second sacker, then played short, third and early this year has played some games at first base.

According to the latest averages, Bonnie Serrell, Monarchs' second sacker, is batting .346, and is leading the team in runs batted in. Williams is spanking the ball at a .326 clip. Herb Perkins is at first and Herb Soell round out the infield. 6-13-44

Against the Memphis Red Sox in Kansas City recently, Williams made a brilliant stop and received the accord of the fans, racing far behind second base to spear a grounder, and tossed to first base for a close decision. Upwards of 13,000 fans who saw the two games rose to their feet and gave Williams one of the biggest "hands" in Kansas City.

Mance Smith in left, Lee Moody in center and Newt Allen right compose the outfield. Moody is the fastest man on the team and is especially speedy going to first base.

On the pitching staff are Hilton Smith, Jack Matchett, Booker McDaniels, Eddie Locke, Earl Bumpus, James LaMarque and Enslow Wylie.

Negro Bar From Big Leagues Hit

Daily World- Atlanta, Ga.

6-13-44

By ALVIN MOSES

NEW YORK— (ANP)— Baseball the game of all Americans regardless of color, is not 50 percent up to the standard of last season:.... That doesn't mean that it suffers from fan-appeal because of this... I should say that duration baseball has attracted spectators who never before even gave the game (or the sport pages) more than a passing thought..... This might rightly be attributed to what we choose to call "war nerves," a condition that cries out for healthful recreation as well as visual joy in games, no matter how inexpertly played.

While we know of many Negro ball players who would have proven great draws at the gate, we can't hlep thinking of what Branch Rickey and Leo Durecher missed by not signing to contract "Dolly" King, now pastiming handsomely with the Homestead Grays of the National Negro Baseball league.... Thousands of high school and college youngsters would have packed the parks to watch the sensational basekitball, football and baseball ace of Long Island university cavort on the green. A throw made by an outfielder-catcher (Campanella) of the Baltimore entry in the Negro circuit a fortnight ago at the Polo Grounds would have made as much comment in the daily press as any throw ever made by the so-called

6-13-44

greats of "big time" baseball.

The silliest, most un-American practice in the realm of sportdom is the rule barring our boys out of big league trials..... Naturally, only a few would make the grade without minor league or even Class C league schooling...... But those who would pass muster would write their names deep on the pages of the sport.

Negro League Lists 2 Games on Card Today

Tribune-Chicago, Ill.
6-11-44

George [Mule] Suttles, one of the leading home run hitters in Negro baseball, will be honored in Wrigley field this afternoon. Suttles manages and plays left field for the Newark Eagles of the Negro National League who face the Memphis Red Sox in the second game of a three team double header. Memphis takes on the St. Louis Stars in the 1:30 p. m. opener.

Suttles is an idol of Chicago fans, having been one of the greatest stars in the American Giants' history. His long home runs at Comiskey park in 1933 and 1935 won games for the West in the annual East-West all-star series. One of the players opposing him in the Memphis lineup today is Neal Robinson, center fielder, whose homers won the 1935 and 1940 games for the West. Robinson is currently leading the Negro American League in home runs, total bases, runs batted in and stolen bases.

Memphis will pitch Porter Moss against St. Louis, who will counter with the veteran, Chip McAllister. Verdal Mathis, brilliant southpaw, will hurl the Red Sox' second game against Newark's Jimmy Hill. The lineup: 6-11-44

First Game—1:30 P. M.

St. Louis Stars.	Memphis Red Sox
Jones,ss	McDaniels, lf
Hayes,2b	Ford,3b
Smith,lf	Hyde,rf
Whitney,rf	Robinson,cf
Treherne,1b	Bankhead,2b
Johnson,3b	Canada,1b
Fields,cf	Wells,ss
Coleman,c	Brown,c
McAllister,p	Moss,p

Second Game.

Newark Eagles.	Memphis Red Sox.
Watkins,3b	McDaniels,lf
Dandridge,ss	Ford,3b
Turner,cf	Hyde,rf
Suttles,lf	Robinson,cf
Pearson,1b	Bankhead,2b
Davis,rf	Canada,1b
Miller,2b	Wells,ss
Wynn,c	Brown,c
Hill,p	Mathis,p

VISITORS
HOME TEAM
The SCOREBOARD
BY...... Joe Bostic

Peoples Voice- New York, N.Y.

"SILENT" JUDGE LANDIS AGAIN

3-4-44

IF ANY verification was needed on the question of responsibility for freezing Negroes out of major league ball, Judge Landis supplied it with his recent blast (by implication) at J. G. Taylor Spink, Editor of *Sporting News*. The Judge proved in this instance that all of his mouthings about its being completely up to the owners is so much hypocritical hogwash.

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If you remember the circumstances, it was Landis who injected an opinion into an exchange of correspondence between Spink and a Whitehouse spokesman without a word of nudging. How come all this alacrity and effusive gabbing on the part of the Judge who has dwelt in a rhetorical shell for these many years on the Negro entry?

While the demand from fair-minded sports fans and liberal newspaper men has been loud and insistent over a period of years, only twice has Landis seen fit to publicly consider the matter. The first time came in answer to a forthright published statement by Leo Durocher in which he stated flatly that there did exist an unwritten law, which no manager or owner was willing to risk violating; the second only after sports writer Sam Lacy had gotten everybody short of the President to help light a fire under the bushy haired old gent so that he would sit down and talk the thing over. This is the spot where entered the Publishers' organization in an abortive attempt to hog some national publicity by riding on a popular cause train. This is the same gent who rushed unsolicited into print to state baseball's position as regards wartime policy. And his statement was a virtual directive to owners and managers as to the policy they would pursue.

Good. But where do we go from here?

Well, if Landis has one iota of sincerity in his statements about there being no law (unwritten or otherwise) against the employment of Negroes in the leagues, he would come out and direct that the owners discontinue their long practiced policy of not encouraging Negroes to tryout and therefore not using them on the clubs. A straightforward directive from him would do the trick. Failing to do just that, he could do just as effective a job for the cause by publicly going on record with a statement of his moral position in the question.

This scribbler has pointed out time and again a pertinent fact that can't or shouldn't ever be disregarded in considering the statements which Landis makes or fails to make and that fact is this: He was a judge and before that a practitioner at the bar. In either role his specialty was the interpretation of wordage with particular emphasis on shades of meaning. He had to also be adept at interpreting the meaning of those things which were NOT said and WHY they were not said. That is the basic function of the law profession, the interpretation, and exploitation of words and phrases both stated and unstated. 3-4-44

I continually point this out to show it is no accident that Landis has never stated publicly where he personally stands in the matter. He knows all too well that a statement of his moral position (assuming that it would be the democratic one) would put the owners and managers squarely on the spot in the eyes of the public. It's also because of this that his pretended naivete in stating that there is no law against Negro players is so reprehensible. He knows just as well as do you and I, who have had no legal training (at least I haven't) that the law (implied) is just as firmly established on baseball's books as any that are actually written. Why then does the man insist on ridiculing the intelligence of millions by his meaningless statements? There can be but one conclusion in the face of the mountains of evidence and that conclusion is that he lacks the moral courage and integrity to face this problem of outright discrimination four square and to cease compromising with the philosophy of the bigots.

It is generally known that official baseball has long been toying with the idea of putting out a publication to supplant Spink's periodical, which is considered the "bible" of baseball today. So Landis' verbal explosion aimed at JGTS isn't wholly unexplainable. At the time Leo Durocher was called in on the carpet, he was rapidly becoming (along with McPhail) the most dynamic force(s) in baseball. To slap Durocher down (and by implication his manager, McPhail) certainly might help to take away some of their lustre and thus restore the spotlight to the leagues—and Landis. The Publishers' meeting and Landis' handpicking of Robeson as the spokesman rather than a bonafide sports writer or baseball man? The less said about that the better. 3-4-44

But this can be said—the oftener the better: Until Landis comes out from behind the bush of verbal subterfuge, he and organized baseball must stand indicted of violation of the sacred American sports code of decency and fair play.

Well, isn't that so?

SATCHELL PAIGE STRIKES OUT 7, GAINS 2-0 LEAD

Daily Tribune, Chicago, Ill.

Hilton Smith limited the Chicago Brown Bombers to six hits as the Kansas City Monarchs easily defeated them, 9 to 1, yesterday afternoon in the opening encounter of a triangular two games competition before an estimated crowd of 18,000 in Wrigley field. 6-5-44

The game went only seven innings by agreement, being called to permit the staging of the track and field show between Jesse Owens and Helen Stephens, former Olympic champions, between games of the double header.

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Batteries—Strong and Moorhead; H. Smith and Wingo.

In the second game, the Kansas City Monarchs led the Chicago Firemen, 2 to 0, after four and a half innings. 6-5-44

Satchel Paige, Monarch pitcher, struck out seven men in this period, yielding one hit, this in the first inning. The Monarchs got their two tallies in the second inning on two clean hits, sandwiched in with two Firemen errors.

Kilby Black Tigers To Play Tuskegee

Advertiser—Montgomery

Kilby Prison's undefeated Black Tigers are slated to clash with Tuskegee Army Flying School's baseball nine in Cramton Bowl Friday afternoon at 3 o'clock. Proceeds of the contest will go to prison and service welfare in war bonds and stamps. Advertiser—

Since both teams have some outstanding stars in their lineups, the game promises to be an exciting clash. Tuskegee's Fliers are determined to avenge a defeat handed them by the Tigers last month. Tuskegee lost the close, hard-fought contest by a score of 5 to 4. 7-6-44

The colored Flyers will bring with them the 57-piece 613th Army Air Force band, which is composed of several who played with well-known professional organizations before their entry into the service. 7-6-44

BLACK YANKS LOSE, 13-3

Times—New York, N.Y.

Philadelphia, Their Conqueror, Then Bows to Cubans, 4-3

7-10-44

The Philadelphia Stars divided the three-game double-header that featured the Elks Day baseball program at the Polo Grounds yesterday. In the opening game on the twin bill the Stars trounced the New York Black Yankees, 13 to 3.

Going on from there, the Stars encountered the New York Cubans, only to be set back by the count of 4 to 3. The games marked the opening of the second half of the Negro National League season, and were witnessed by 10,000 fans.

The scores by innings: 7-10-44

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Black Yankees....0 0 0 2 0 0 1 0 0— 3  8 2
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Batteries—Curry and Cash; McFarland, Forrest and Williams.

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Phila. Stars.......2 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 1—3 9 3
N. Y. Cubans......1 0 2 0 0 1 0 0 .—4 6 3
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Batteries—Brown and Cash; Barnhill, Morris and Louden.

Negro Ace to Face Memphis Red Sox Today

Tribune—Chicago, Ill.
7-30-44

Leroy [Satchel] Paige, Negro baseball's greatest hurler, will pitch for the Kansas City Monarchs in the second game of their Negro American league double header with the Memphis Red Sox in Wrigley field this afternoon. Paige will be opposed by Verdel Mathis, brilliant left-hander. The first game at 1:30 will have Booker McDaniels on the mound for Kansas City against Memphis' Bob Keyes.

Paige will share the spotlight with Neal Robinson, Memphis' center fielder. The occasion has been designated as Robinson day in honor of the Gary, Ind., product, who this season leads the league in home runs, runs batted in and stolen bases. His past record includes topping the league in homers in 1939 and 1940 and finishing second twice since then, and winning the East-West games for the West in 1939 and 1940. 7-30-44

FIRST GAME.

Memphis.	Kansas City.
F. McDaniels, lf	Williams, ss
Bankhead, 2b	Allen, lf
Ford, 3b	Souell, 3b
Robinson, cf	Serrell, 1b
Hyde, rf	M. Smith, cf
T. Brown, ss	Harper, rf
Canady, 1b	Moody, 2b
L. Brown, c	Haynes, c
Keyes, p	B. McDaniels, p

SECOND GAME.

Memphis.	Kansas City.
Mathis, p	Paige, p

AT THE POLO GROUNDS:

~~Daily Worker New York,~~ N.Y

'We Can Aid Dodgers,' Say Negro Aces

7-17-44

AT THE YANKEE STADIUM:

'All for Negroes in Majors,' Say Fans

By PHIL GORDON

Modest, little Dave Barnhill, 25-year-old moundsman of the New York Cubans, top-ranking Negro baseball team, is convinced that:

"Ray Brown of the Homestead Grays and myself can win enough games for the Brooklyn Dodgers between now and the end of the season to put that team into second place in the National League."

The Negro flinger, who compiled a record of 24 wins against only 15 defeats last year, made this statement yesterday at the Polo Grounds, prior to the doubleheader between the Cubans and the Grays, the outstanding club in Negro baseball, Barnhill was one of five ballplayers interviewed. They were asked one question: Whether they could help the Brooklyn Dodgers, who have dropped fifteen games in a row,—and are headed for the cellar.

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The others interviewed were Josh Gibson, acknowledged by many baseball experts as one of the greatest hitters in the history of the game; Ray Brown, mainstay of the Grays' hurling crew, who entered yesterday's opening encounter with an impressive 7-1 record for the season; Buck Leonard, the Grays' sensational slugging first-baseman; and Horatio "Rabbit" Martinez, one of the finest shortstops to break into baseball in recent years.

All of them were extremely modest about their individual talents. In common, they possess a genuine desire "to break into the majors" and a firm conviction that they have ability "to stay up there and make good." Particularly they are convinced that "we have what it takes to enable the Dodgers to break their slump and spurt ahead to second place money in the National League this year.".

Ray is as certain as Dave that he could make a substantial contribution to the Dodgers. "Melton is their only starting pitcher, and he can't pitch every day. It's criminal to throw in inexperienced players like McLish and Branca every other day. It's not fair to them. They need seasoning.

"Without taking anything away from them, I know that we have the stuff to help the Dodgers out.

"There's no finer catcher or hitter than Josh. And Buck is as good a player as you'll see anywhere."

Brown asserted that "it's about time the majors moved on this. They were given the green-light signal by Commissioner Landis last December after Paul Robeson spoke to the magnates. And let's not kid ourselves. The majors need guys like Josh if they want a better brand of ballplaying. And certainly the Dodgers, if they want to stay out of the cellar."

N.Y., N.Y.

Brown said if his playing schedule permitted him, he would be glad to join any delegation to Branch Rickey, Brooklyn Dodger president, to lay the case before him and urge the immediate, unconditional hiring of Negro ballplayers.

"I know we could do the job. I also know that we are eager to play for the Dodgers, if that's the team that will hire us."

Martinez, like Barnhill and Brown, also expressed his willingness to join such a delegation. To his mind, "the Dodger infield is pretty much shot to pieces. With Stanky out, they are faced with a crisis there. I know what I can do, and I sure could tighten up the infield for them."

Would the man who makes baseball possible—Gus Q. Fan—want to see Negroes in the major leagues?

We asked this question at the Yankee Stadium yesterday during the Yankee-Red Sox double header and the overwhelming response was, "Sure, it would be wonderful."

The Daily Worker polled 13 fans picked at random in the grandstands behind first and third base. We asked them: "Would you like to see Negroes in the major leagues."

Of the thirteen questioned eleven emphatically said yes, while two thought it wouldn't work out. Among the fans were three servicemen including an Army lieutenant.

The first fan we approached was sitting behind first base. His name was Josph Lazar of 440 4th St., Newark, N. J.

"Would I like to see Negroes in the major leagues? Sure, why not, I enjoy some Negro games more than I do these," and he pointed to the game between the Yanks and Sox.

A middle-aged man named John Rogell of 100 St. Nicholas Ave. said, "That would be swell—I think Negro and white players would get along fine."

A few feet from Rogell was a robust looking young man in the uniform of Uncle Sam's Navy. He was Seaman First Class Robert Ozuna and he smiled when we asked him the question.

"You've got a good one there, buddy, I'm all for it."

Further down along the first base line we came across a rather portly woman who gave her name as Catherine Buchna of 7½ Leroy St., New York City, who didn't think the idea was too good. She didn't explain her opposition, merely saying, "No, I wouldn't like to see it.' But her male escort emphatically disagreed with her.

And a short distance from her was a Charles Mathews who likewise didn't think it was a good idea. "I don't think they could get along with the white players," he said.

This was the last negative answer we received during our canvass

Behind home plate we questioned an ardent fan in his late teens or early twenties. He gave his name as Leonard Blool of 88 LaSalle, New York City.

"I think they should be in if they are good enough, and I think they are. I've seen Satchel Paige and Josh Gibson play and they're good enough to compete with any major leaguer."

Four rows away was a tanned-looking fan named Ernest Grauso of 4719 98th St., Corona, Long Island. Grauso was very articulate. "I dont see any reason why not. If the Negro is equal in everything else why not in baseball."

Down the third base line we asked a young man named Michael Straniello of 2110 Bronx Park East. He too was emphatic but wanted the number of Negro players limited. "I would say definitely yes, but would put a limit of five men to each team."

A few feet from there was a handsome, strapping, blonde haired Army Lieutenant named Brennan. True to the democratic traditions of the men in the service, Lieut. Brennan replied, "Certainly I would like to see Negroes in the major leagues. I would give them every chance in the world."

Two teen age kids sitting together gave a common answer. They were Leonard Campanella and Lepke Esposito of Montclair, N. J. "Give em a chance to make it, we're all for it."

Dave Barnhill

Write, Wire Branch Rickey

The campaign to end Jim Crow in baseball can be helped immeasurably by you and your organization. Write and wire Branch Rickey, president of the Dodgers, at his office at 215 Montague St., Brooklyn.

Urge and demand that he sign Negro players immediately to help his sinking Dodgers.

Get your friends in the shop and your trade union to do the same. Let 'em pour, fans!

HIGH COMMISSIONER OF NEGRO BASEBALL NEEDED TO IRON OUT LEAGUE DIFFERENCES

Daily World - Atlanta, Ga

7-16-44

By DON DELEIGHBUR

NEW YORK—(CF)—Negro Baseball needs a high commissioner in the worst way. There is no getting around it; a black Judge Landis is the crying need for the sport to correlate loose ends and to establish iron-cald authority. As things shape up, there seems to be little cooperation between the Negro American Legue of the West and the Negro National League of the East.

Agreements seem only scraps of paper or so much hot air and mutual respect and regards for the rights of the other fellow disappear in a mad quest for profits by snatching players, thumbing the nose at rules and regulations and scant regard for the public.

Right now there is a loud howl on Abe Saperstein, part-owner of the Cincinnati Clowns and the Birmingham Black Barons, plus official booking agent for the Clowns. The [illegible] are coming from the Negro National League, spearheaded by Cum Posey, secretary of the NNL. The howl on Saperstein seems based on charges leveled by Posey that the Chicagoan has been guilty of defying the rules of organized Negro baseball by demanding in excess of 40 per cent on the gross receipts as his (the promoter's) share for games put on by him.

CLUB GETS 25 PERCENT OF GATE

7-16-44

Posey points in tremulous indignation to the situation in which Saperstein offers each club in a game at Indianapolis (home town of the Clowns) 25 percent of the gate, leaving 50 per cent to Saperstein to pay the park, cost of baseballs, umpires and publicity. The NNL voted to send Tom Wilson, its president, and Posey to the various parks in Indiana, Ohio and other states in which Saperstein books teams and squawk to park owners about the situation.

The NNL also sent a blistering letter to President J. B. Martin, portly Chicagoan via Memphis, who head up the Negro American League, ranting about teams in the NAL playing the St. Louis Stars a team suspended by the NNL. The NNL also acted on protests by James (Soldier Boy) Semler, owner of the New York Black Yankees, that players of te St. Louis Stars now playing in the NAL, have not been sent to the eastern circuit as asked earlier in the year. Truth of the matter is this: George Mitchell, pilot of St. Louis, was bounced by the NNL for failure to pay up some debts. His team was ordered broken up and two players each were voted to various clubs in the six-team NNL. Among these players are James Ford, crack third baseman, and Buddy Armour, fleet-footed outfielder, who were picked by the Black Yankees. Armour is batting .299 with the Cleveland Buckeye and Ford is batting .310 as regular third sacker for the Memphis Red Sox.

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WOULD RULE ON FORD, ARMOUR

A high commissioner of Negro baseball would immediately judge the above situation for what it is worth and note in particular that J. B. Martin's brother, Dr. B. B. Martin, is owner of the Memphis Red Sox and probably won't give up Ford on any condition. However, if Ford were with the Black Yanks or some other eastern team, both the Martin brothers would be heard from one end of the land to the other hollering about "stealing" and such other epithets at their command. In case of Saperstein, a high commissioner would examine the hollering of Cum Posey with sober mien and then figure out the actual contributions Saperstein to Negro baseball and make his decision on that score.

Saperstein is the organizer and Harlem Globetrotters basketball team. He is one operator who pays his players excellent salaries and seldom have squawks been heard by any of his hirelings on that count, although there have been howls of righteous indignation at small pay from players on other teams.

NEGRO AMERICAN LEAGUE TO OPEN SEASON, MAY 7

Register – San Antonio, Texas

3-17-44

By The Associated Negro Press

CHICAGO, Ill.—The schedule meeting of the Negro American league was held last Sunday and Monday and a program was worked out for the first half, ending July 4. The league will officially open the 1944 season on May 7, according to R. S. Simmons, league secretary, this week.

The league succeeded in settling its transportation problem to the extent that teams will be able to travel, Simmons said.

The service of a statistician will be obtained this year but one has not been named as yet. Several bureaus from various parts of the country have made offers to do the job and a committee has been appointed by the league to work out an agreement with one of them.

Abe Saperstein of Chicago, proxy for Syd Pollock of Tarrytown, New York, owner of the Cincinnati Clowns, revealed that the Clowns desire to transfer their franchise from Cincinnati to Indianapolis. The league voted in favor of the move when it was brought out that the attendance at Cincinnati in 1943 was far below expectations, even lower than in 1942 when the Cleveland club was the home team.

One of the reasons given for the low attendance was that there was too much baseball in the town with eastern and western teams sharing the dates when the Cincinnati Reds were on the road. It was also brought out that the main reason for the transfer was the fact that the Clowns were unable to control the Cincinnati territory. Other teams were permitted to come in and play without their consent, thereby dividing the attendance. On the other hand, it was pointed out, the Clowns would have complete control of the Indianapolis park when the Indianapolis team of the American association was away from home.

3-17-44

Welch to Manage Birmingham

W. S. Welch of Chicago, who was manager of the Birmingham Black Barons last season, has been named manager for 1944. Under Welch's management the team won the first half of a split league season in 1943 and continued to move on to defeat the Chicago American Giants, winners of the second half for the pennant in the league. The Barons, however, lost to the Homestead Grays of the Negro National league in the race for the world's championship.

The league paused to honor the passing of Johnny Johnson of Jacksonville, who died a few weeks ago and was a member of the Cleveland Buckeye ball club. The officials of that team were praised for the fine manner in which they handled the burial affairs, including the shipping of the body to his home for burial.

3-17-44

A post-war move to get baseball back in the schools and colleges was suggested by Simmons, and was approved by the league. Putting baseball back into the schools and colleges will serve as a training ground for Negro baseball, which has become a lucrative profession. "Baseball and basketball are the two sports that young men of our group can learn to earn a living after leaving school, and baseball comes first," Simmons said.

Benjamin E. Linton of Detroit, John Harden of Atlanta, and George Mitchell, proxy for Allen Johnson of Mounds, Illinois, were among the representatives of teams seeking associated memberships. Linton represented the Motor City Giants while Harden spoke for the Atlanta Black Crackers. Mitchell was on hand for the St. Louis Stars.

NEGRO AMER. LEAGUE HAS GOOD YEAR

Bee – Chicago, Ill.

2-20-44

The Negro American League who closed the 1943 Season successfully, has been formulating plans for sometime for the coming season, according to a statement issued recently at the league office by R. S. Simmons, secretary of the league. Teams are thinking in terms of training sights, dates of entering, and are getting together the players they hope to carry to camp.

Games played this season are expected to be fought with more interest on the field than in previous years, due to the fact that players are aware of the new ruling of the league that, all games are league games when two league teams meet regardless of where, and that there must be a minimum of 60 league games played for a team to be considered in the pennant race.

2-20-44

Players of teams who fell short of the pennant last season, have realized the importance of not being on the winning end. Among some of those realizations are comments from some of the fans they played before, and a side glance at the beautiful gold balls worn on the watch chains of the Champion Birmingham Black Barons along with the Championship flag which waves for the city of Birmingham.

The Cleveland Buckeyes, with their hard-hitting third baseman, Parnell Woods, as pilot again this season, and Archie V. Ware, the sensational first baseman as Captain has sound a warning that they are all out for the 1944 Pennant. Such messages are heard from the Chicago American Giant, who won the Second-Half over the Buckeyes by a hair, the Memphis Red Sox who will be managed by Reuben Jones. Jones hails from down Texas way. He is a former manager of the Sox in 1936-37, then the Kansas City Monarchs who have relinquished both the pennant and world's championship to other members of his league and the National League respectively, are hoping to regain both this season. Then on the other hand the Cincinnati Clowns, who will have a much stronger team in the field will bear watching while the Birmingham Black Barons, Champions of the Negro American League, who won that title by defeating the Chicago American Giants at Birmingham last September 19th in the final game 1 to 0 is also hoping to duplicate their action in 1944.

Black Barons Trounce Chicago Giants Twice

News – Birmingham, Ala.

7-31-44

The league-leading Black Barons increased their lead in the Negro American League to two and a half games Sunday as they overpowered second-place Chicago American Giants, 3 to 2 and 7 to 1, in the Rickwood double-header.

These two games were the first of a critical six-game schedule between these spotlight teams in the second-half pennant race. They will continue the series with a night game at Rickwood Field Wednesday at 8:30 p.m.

The Black Barons took the first half flag and are still going strong. If Birmingham runs away with their second pennant they will not have to engage in a playoff, but can go straight into the Negro World Series to play against the winner of the Negro National League flag.

The Giants outhit Birmingham, 9 to 8, in the first contest, but the Welchmen's fine defensive game proved to be Chicago's downfall. Art Wilson, Birmingham's shortstop, was the highlight of the game as he stemmed a potential rally with his spectacular one-hand catch of "Lefty" Smith's scorching rap, converting it into a double play.

Al Saylor fanned 10 Chicago batsmen as Birmingham outhit the Giants, 12-8, in the second game for a 7 to 1 triumph. Lester Lockett was batting standout in both affairs as he collected four safeties in five times at the platter.

7-31-44

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Jessup and Smith; Gipson and Bassett.

SECOND GAME

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Birmingham	200 410 x—7	12	1

Ellis, Davenport and Barnhill; Saylor and Bassett.

Black Barons And Giants Meet Again Wednesday Night

Age-Herald – Birmingham, Ala.

8-2-44

The Black Barons, now leading the pennant race in the second half of the Negro American League competition by two and one-half games, after having finished on top in the first half, will meet the Chicago invaders again Wednesday night at Rickwood Field in a single contest, which is booked to get going at 8:30. In spite of the rain Sunday, which fell practically all through the second encounter, the two clubs played to 4,000 paid customers.

Manager W. S. Welch, who is driving his club at the moment in an effort to escape the necessity of a post-season playoff to determine the champions of the Negro American League, has odds-on hopes of going into competition with the National League pennant winners in a series to decide the Negro baseball championship. If he can accimplish this, Birmingham will merit half the games in the World Series play-off.

The Black Baron pilot hasn't intimated the name of the hurler he will use Wednesday night in the third game of the Rickwood series. It will be too early to double back with Al Gipson or Al Saylor, the two boys who pitched and won the twin bill against the American Giants in the Sunday double-header. Saylor fanned 10 batsmen in Sunday's nightcap.

8-2-44

Lester Lockett, hitting better than at any time in his career, and the undisputed batting star of last Sunday's games, will be gunning for new honors in the single game arranged for Wednesday night, which, incidentally, marks the first appearance of the Black Barons under the floods at Rickwood this season.

Cincinnatti Clowns Runners-Up For Honors In American League

Age N.Y., N.Y. July 22, 1944

Negro baseball's greatest drawing card, the scintillating Cincinnati-Indianapolis Clowns, who were bangup runners-up for honors in the Negro American League, and, who were off to a flying start in the 2nd half by virtue of a 5-to-0 victory over the Chicago American Giants, with the Clown sensation, Roosevelt 'Duro' Davis, hurling the shutout for the funmakers, are pictured above. 7-22-44

Back row (left to right): Buster Haywood, Pepper Bassett, Leovildo Lugo, Alec Radcliffe, playing manager Jesse "Hoss" Walker, Albert Overton, Henry Merchant, Walter "Rev" Canady and business manager McKinley "Bunny" Downs. Centre row (left to right) Al Lipkins, Armando Vazquez, Fermin Valdes, Antonio Ruiz and Johnny Ray. Front row (left to right): King Tut, the funniest man in baseball; Rafael Cabrera, Harry Jeffries, Henry Smith and Roosevelt "Duro" Davis, rated alongside of the fabulous Satchel Paige as greatest hurler in colored baseball of the last 20 years. 7-22-44

It's the best ball club the Clowns have had since they won the final Denver national tournament, held in '41. Flashy, brilliant play, strength in all departments and plenty of the old college try, mark their efforts on the diamond. And the novelty and comedy stunts the fans have long come to expect from this clever coterie hasn't been overlooked. King Tut, clown king c comedy, is usually always on han for the Clowns' capricious bag c tricks, which includes pepper-bal shadow ball and other hilarious an entertaining antics. 7-22-4

The Clowns open a stiff 7-gam series at Crosley Field, Cincinnat next Sunday, July 23rd, with doubleheader against the champio Birmingham Black Barons, who nosed the funmakers out of 1st-half honors. The series will be continued with Clowns versus Barons at Dayton 24th, Toledo 25th, Indianapolis 26th and Columbus 27th.

Black Crackers Win on Tour

Constitution 8-11-44
Atlanta, Georgia

The Atlanta Black Crackers return home Saturday from the east where they met and won the majority of their games over stiff competition, climaxing the tour by shutting out the New York Black Yankees in the Yankee Stadium, 6-0, behind the airtight pitching of Brennon King. They will meet the famed Pittsburgh Crawfords at Ponce de Leon Sunday at 2:30 p. m.

The Crawfords, owned by Gus Greenlee, former owner of John Henry Lewis, ex-light-heavyweight king, are rated one of the outstanding clubs in the east. On the eastern tour the Black Crackers went 10 innings to defeat the Crawfords, 11-10, in one tilt and the Crawfords won the other 3-1 in Pittsburgh.

Manager Manning is saving Brennon King, who pitched the almost perfect game in New York, and "Slick" Coleman to send against the Pittsburgh nine.

A special section of the grandstand will be set aside for white fans. One of the largest crowds this season is expected to see the two teams battle it out in the double-header.

Expect Record Crowd For Negro Games Sun.

Daily Worker — N.Y., N.Y.
7-24-44

Advance sales indicate the largest crowd ever to see a Negro baseball program in New York will view Satchel Paige's appearance Sunday in a three-team doubleheader at Yankee Stadium.

The record is 27,000, set by Paige two years ago, but the righthander, who has played before 230,000 this season, is pitching some of the best ball of his career, at 38, and is drawing large crowds everywhere.

Negro American League's Two Most Colorful Teams Meet Here

Advertiser — Montgomery, Alabama
8-4-44

When the Memphis Red Sox and the Birmingham Black Barons meet at Cramton Bowl Monday night two of the most colorful teams in baseball will be seen in action. Both teams are known for clean sportsmanship and high caliber of play.

The Red Sox will have in their lineup some of the leading players in the game and many who have taken part in the annual East-West game. Most of them are well known in baseball circles. Their outfield has speed, ability, aggressiveness and great defensive strength. All are good hitters and dangerous at the plate. Led by their great centerfielder, Neal Robinson, enjoying his greatest year in baseball, who is now leading the league in runs batted in, stolen bases and base on balls. He is tied for the lead in home runs and is among the first ten hitters in the league.

The other fields are taken care of with Bubber Hyde in right and Fred McDaniel in left. Both good, with great throwing arms and dangerous hitters. Hyde is considered by many as one of the fastest men in the league.

The Sox infield is now playing their best brand of ball for the season. Flashy Jim Canada at first, a good fielder and fair hitter. At second base is the sturdy Fred Bankhead, who has just about reached his peak as a fielder and considered one of the leading second basemen in the game. At third base is Jim Ford, a hard hitter and good at the hot corner. Ford is the leading batter on the club, having batted well over .300 all season. At short is T. Brown who covers plenty of ground in the short field, a hustler and timely hitter.

The catching department is the equal of any in the league, with the veteran Larry Brown, one of the best in the business, Casey Jones, making his second season in professional baseball, and Red Longley, the handy-andy of the club, who plays well at any other position.

The pitching staff is holding up well with Willie Hutchinson, fast-ball pitcher, Robert Keyes, the curve ball artist and leading hurler of the team, Pepper Sharp, recently secured from Chicago, all right handers. The two left-handers are Verdel Mathis, the ace of the staff, and Rufus Ligon, one of the best relief men in the game.

Buck Felder, a first-year man, is the other utility man and a good little infielder. Possessing a good throwing arm and covering plenty of territory whenever he is in the game.

50,000 to See Negro Teams Clash Today

Tribune — Chicago, Ill.

The 12th annual East vs. West Negro baseball game in Comiskey park this afternoon may be a repetition of the 1943 contest, when the West won, 2 to 1, before a sell-out crowd. The East leads in number of games won, 6 to 5. 8-13-44

Jim Taylor, veteran manager of the Washington Homestead Grays, world colored champions, will manage the Negro National leaguers. The West will be managed by W. S. Welch, manager of the Birmingham Black Barons of the Negro American league. It was Taylor and his Grays who defeated the Birmingham team and Welch for the world title last fall and Welch is anxious to get revenge by winning Sunday's game.

Starters Available.

The East will start seven of the eight players who took part in last year's game, depending on such hitters as Josh Gibson, Washington catcher; Ray Dandridge, Newark third sacker; James Bell, Washington outfielder, and Pearson, Newark outfielder, all of whom are batting over .300 in league games.

The West will not be without its hitters. Neal Robinson, home run king of the Negro American league, tops the list with runs batted in and stolen bases. Besides Robinson, Sammy Jethroe, Cleveland outfielder; Lloyd Davenport, Chicago American Giants outfielder; Ted Radcliffe, Birmingham catcher, and Art Wilson, Birmingham shortstop, all are hitting over .300.

Mathis to Start.

The game may be a pitchers' battle altho no hurler can work over three innings. Verdal Mathis, Memphis Red Sox left hander, is likely to be the West's choice to start. Mathis recently defeated Satchel Paige, 3 to 2, at Wrigley field. Paige will not be in the game, his name having been dropped from the list.

Opposing Mathis will be either Ray Brown of the Washington club or Barney Brown of the Philadelphia team. A capacity crowd of 50,000 is expected, judging from the advance sale of tickets. All box seats were sold Monday. Lineups:

EAST—Bell, lf, Grays; Vargas, cf, Cubans; Leonard, 1b, Grays; Gibson, c, Grays; Dandridge, 3b, Newark; Pearson, rf, Newark; Bankhead, 2b, Grays; Martinez, ss, Cubans; R. Brown, p, Grays; Greenidge, p, Cubans; B. Brown, p, Philadelphia; Glover, p, Baltimore. 8-13-44

WEST—Horne, ss, Cleveland; A. Radcliffe, 3b, Indianapolis; Davenport, cf, Chicago; Robinson, lf, Memphis; Jethroe, rf, Cleveland; Ware, 1b, Cleveland; Sampson, 2b, Birmingham; T. Radcliffe, c, Birmingham; Mathis, p, Memphis; McKinnes, p, Chicago; McDaniels, p, Kansas City; Davis, p, Indianapolis; Gipson, p, Birmingham.

46,000 SEE WEST WIN NEGRO ALL-STAR GAME

Times — New York, N.Y.
8-14-44

CHICAGO, Aug. 13 (AP)—Before a sweltering throng of more than 46,000 fans, the West team trimmed the East squad, 7—4, at Comiskey Park today in the twelfth annual Negro All-Star baseball game today to square the series at six-all.

A five-run spree in the fifth, capped by Catcher Ted Radcliffe's two-run homer, clinched things for the West, composed of Negro American League players. Following Radcliffe's circuit clout the West players carried him on their shoulders in a parade before their dugout.

The winning pitcher was Verdel Mathias, diminutive hurler for the Memphis Red Sox, who retired at the end of the third with the West ahead, 2—1. Victim of the West's fifth-inning splurge was Schoolboy Howard of the Cuban Stars, second of the East's four pitchers.

Catcher Josh Gibson of the East clouted a 440-foot homer in the seventh. The Negro National League was represented on the East squad. 8-14-44

Leroy (Satchel) Paige, legendary Negro pitcher, did not play for the West today as a result of a dispute over distribution of receipts. Paige, who said he demanded the receipts should be turned over to charity, unsuccessfully attempted to get other all-stars to withdraw from the game.

The score by innings:

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West	101 0[illegible]0 00..	7	12	0

Batteries—East: McDuffie, Howard (4), Morris (5), Byrd (7) and Gibson. West: Mathis, Jessup 4), McKinnes (7), Brewer (8) and T. Radcliffe.

Markham Is Selected To Work One Of Twin Card Against Giants

B'ham News
B'ham, Ala.
7-29-44

Though the Negro American League schedule this season has been pretty much of a jigsaw puzzle because of wartime traveling conditions. Tom Hayes and W. S. Welch have been able thus far to work a routine that would take care of the home town fans. They started out on the campaign with a determination that last season would not repeat itself on a scarcity of battles at Rickwood for the latter part of the season. As a consequence they are making a long jump into Birmingham Sunday to meet the Chicago American Giants in a twin bill arrangement. This jump was necessary if the Black Barons were to catch the American Giants on their Southern sweep.

W. S. Welch, who has had his hands full with road games all week, paused long enough Friday to announce by wire that Johnny Markham would be one of his pitching choices in the Sunday double-header at Rickwood. He failed to state the name of the man he would send to the mound in the nightcap. 7-29-44

Welch stated at the start of the season he would play his games in Birmingham every Sunday that Johnny Riddle's team was on the road, when possible. That's the reason last year's pennant winners are doubling back into Birmingham Sunday for a double defense of fortress Rickwood.

As things now stand local colored fans are hoping that Welch and his boys will be able to get by the second half without a playoff, after winning the first half handily. What they do in the next two weeks will determine whether a playoff is necessary or not. The ball club declared the Negro American League pennant winner will meet the National League winners in a playoff to decide the colored baseball championship in the early Fall.

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the LowDown

Daily worker - New york, N.y.

Negro All-Star Game Draws 46,000 in Chicago

8-16-44

Nat Low

—And wasn't it only a short time ago the papers were saying that the return of Frankie Crosetti automatically clinched the pennant for the New York Yankees?

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For the fourth time in as many years the annual East-West Negro all-star game drew better than 40,000 at Comiskey Park Sunday. This game, the equivalent of the National-American League all-star contest, was won by the West, 7-4, as a crowd of 46,000 looked on in heat-ridden Chicago. 8-16-44

It is probable, however, that not a single major league scout was on hand to see the Negro aces perform despite a level of major league quality that even the most hide-bound baseball reactionary admits is the lowest yet.

Among other things, Josh Gibson sent a 440 foot homer screaming into the left-center field stands and Ted Radcliffe sent another four baser into right.

But all of this, evidently, didn't make any impression upon the men who run baseball and so, the Negro aces will have to go through another season in their Jimcrow league.

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The St. Louis Cardinals, by taking a double header from the Dodgers Sunday, upped their game winning percentage to a mere .733—highest of any club in many years. The Cards have taken 77 games as against 28 defeats and for the third successive year will win more than 100 games—something no other team in National League history has ever done even though the Giants of 1911, 1912 and 1913 under John McGraw, won 99, 103 and 101 respectively.

It is, of course, an unfair comparison with the Giants of those days because the competition was much sturdier then. Billy Southworth's boys have had the field all to their lonesome these past two years. It is hard to say how much better or worse this season's National League winner is than 1942's gang that rode roughshod over the hitherto unbeaten Yanks.

But it is safe to suppose that the boys have more poise now than they ever had and rarely ever make tactical mistakes. 8-15-44

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The St. Louis Browns again displayed their pennant winning tenacity Sunday when, after dropping the opening game of their double header with the Red Sox and seeing their lead whittled down to a not-too-comfortable 5½ games, they upped and trimmed the Sox 6-1 in the nightcap to pick up the game they had lost.

The Browns, never taken too seriously until two weeks ago, have done this sort of thing time and again and this is the mark of a champion. The slump most baseball men have predicted for them almost all season long has not come about yet and if it doesn't come very soon and very hard it won't matter a plugged nickel's worth.

It's an all-St. Louis series this year, and it should be an interesting one. . . . And don't sell the Browns short.

"We'll take 'em again," says W. S. Welch, manager of the Black Barons.

Gread "Lefty" McKinnis, star southpaw who'll work for the Giants.

Advertiser Montgomery, Ala

'Thundering Herd' And Giants Of Chicago To Clash Tonight

7-31-44

Stars Of Negro American League Baseball Will Covort At Bowl In Two Games This Week

The first of two of the most important games in the Negro American Baseball League will be played at Cramton Bowl at 8:30 p.m. Monday when the Chicago "American" Giants and the "Thundering Herd" of Black Barons of Birmingham clash. The second game will be played at the bowl at the same hour Tuesday night. In event of rain tonight, managers of both teams have agreed to play a double bill Tuesday. 7-31-44

Advance sale of tickets for the two contests started Saturday at W. A. May & Green on South Court Street, and will continue today, in order to relieve the pressure at the ticket windows tonight and tomorrow, and earliest indications and "fan talk" indicate that the pending battles will be the most largely attended of the year.

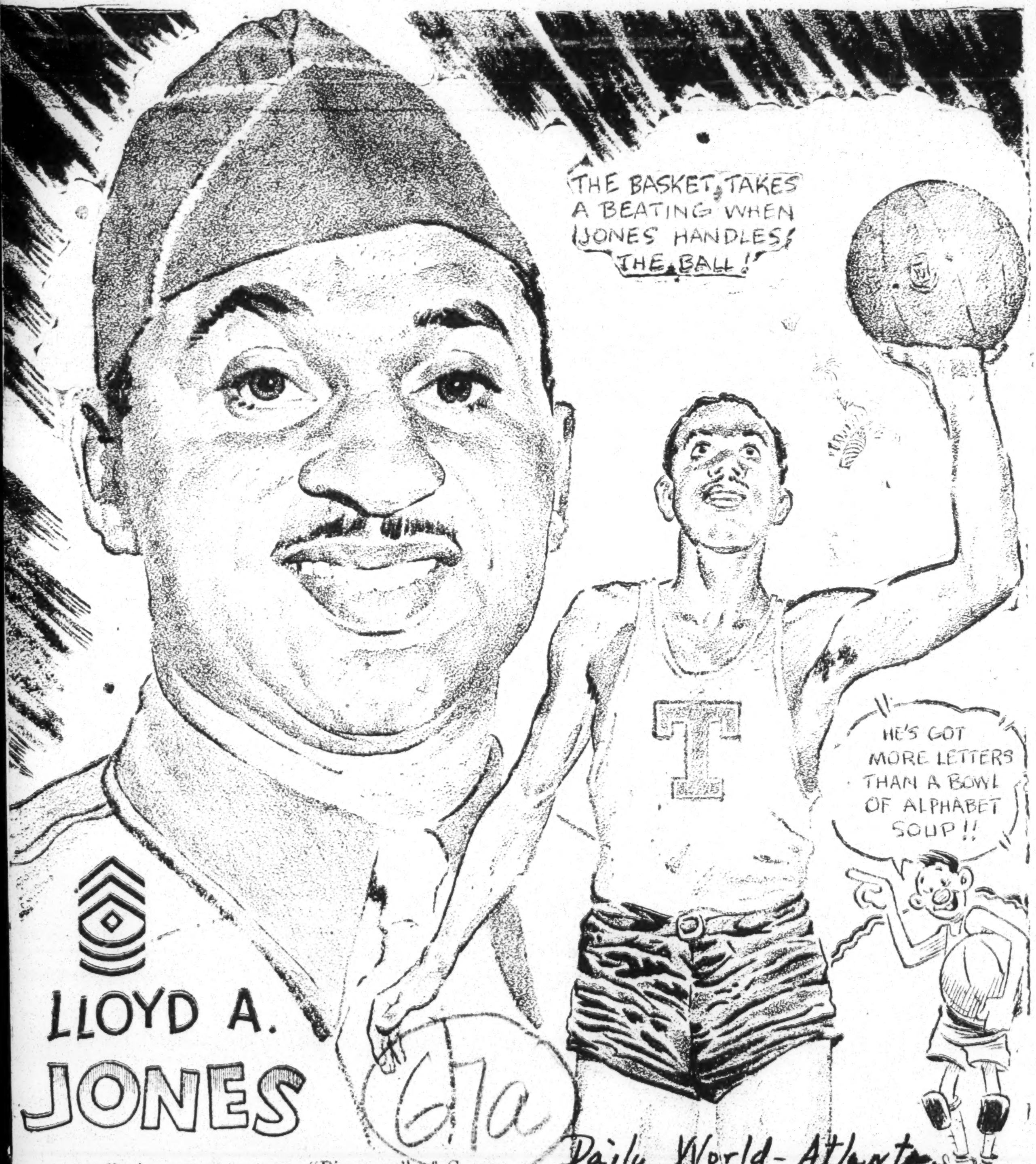
"We took 'em at Montgomery last year," W. S. Welch, manager of the "Thundering Herd" said in commenting on the dual card here this week, "and we'll take 'em again." He was referring to the defeat handed the Giants last Fall when the Barons toppled them in the rubber game to decide the league championship, after each had won the first and second half seasons contests respectively. The Barons were the champs after the Montgomery meeting.

Welch's team is one of the most popular ever to play at Cramton Bowl and a recent engagement with the Kansas City Monarchs sent 3,000 fans pouring through the turnstiles. As many or more are expected to see the Giants try to stop the Thundering Herd tonight. Both teams are on a relatively stronger basis from both fielding and batting standpoints this year than last, and some new and classy ball tossers will be presented, particularly by the Giants. 7-31-44

The gates at the bowl will be opened at 7:30 p.m.

67a-1944 Basketball

FRONT AND CENTER—Army Sports Personalities


THE BASKET TAKES A BEATING WHEN JONES' HANDLES THE BALL!
HE'S GOT MORE LETTERS THAN A BOWL OF ALPHABET SOUP!!
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LLOYD A. JONES
SGT. R SCHULLER

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First sergeant of the "Pioneers" of Camp Pinedale, Fresno, California. The first sergeant, known as the Chillicothe (Ohio) Flash, entered the service in September, 1942. He is an all-around athlete; having starred in football, basketball and track, both at high school and college. He majored in physical education at Tuskegee Institute, Alabama. First Sergeant Jones assisted the late Dr. George Washington Carver in setting up displays of the great scientist's many discoveries in the new museum at Tuskegee. (Drawing by Sgt. R. Schuller, Camp Pinedale.)

Daily World- Atlanta, Ga.
2-29-44

CIAA Crown To Lincoln

Tribune- Phila., Pa
3-18-44

As N.C. State Bows 57-52

NEW YORK — Playing before 3000 spectators. Lincoln University retained undisputed possession of the CIAA championship by crushing the highly favored N. C. State team 57-52. at the half Lincoln led 34 to 22.

N. C. State's lead of 2-0 at the beginning of the contest marked the one and only time that they led during the course of the game.

The Lions completely bottled up the Eagles' fast breaking offense during the first half and throughout most of the game.

Superb teamwork on the part of Lincoln enabled the Lions to pierce through the four types of defenses that the desperate Eagles tried in effort to stem the engulfing tide.

N. C. State's Thomas with 20 points was high scorer for his team. Brown who was shut out during the first half came up fast toward the end of the game to snare 13 for the Eagles.

Lincoln's evenly matched team as usual had its scoring pretty evenly divided. Johnson, with 12, Hoffler 13, nd Chamberlain 10, were the high men for Lincoln. 3-18-44

R. Johnson played a stellar game on offense and defense. He further established his claim to national honors with his excellent floor work and defense. During the first half he shut out Floyd Brown, N. C. State's bid for All-American.

LINCOLN (57)	G.	F.	P.	N. C. STATE (52)	G.	F.	P.
Johnson, R.	5	2	12	Stanley	2	2	6
Hainey	4	0	8	Williams	0	0	0
Cham'lain	5	0	10	Hardy	2	1	5
Hall	2	0	4	Thomas	8	4	20
Johnson, H.	1	0	2	Parks	3	2	8
Johnson, C.	0	0	0	Brown	6	1	13
Hoffler	4	5	13	Samuels	1	0	2
Armstead	4	0	8				
Totals—	25	7	57	Totals—	22	10	52

3-18-44

Ala., Hornets Win 11 Straight Games; To Meet Tuskegee

Daily World- Atlanta, Ga.
2-29-44

BIRMINGHAM Ala.—(SNS)—Those Alabama Hornets up to the middle of last week had won 11 straight games. They were favored to reach the finals with Tuskegee.

"Speak Easy" Hollis, forward, who had bagged 173 points in 11 games through February 15, is a first year man on the team. His teammate, "Buddy" Spears, center and 'Dake" King, guard, are also first year men. Clayton, guard, is a sophomore and Jefferson, forward, is a senior.

Four of the first string men are Alabama boys. Spears, Hollis and King were born and bred in Montgomery almost on the campus of State Teachers College. Leo Clayton hails from Dothan, Alabama. Jefferson's home is in South Carolina. The entire starting lineup consists of Southern boys. That is unusual for State.

J. M. Reynolds, Hornet Scribe, has supplied this information for us: The aggregate totals show Hollis with 173 points for 11 games, an average of 15.7 per game, Spears has 166 for 12 games or 13.8 average, King has 105 for 8.8 per game, Clayton has 105 for 7.7, and Jefferson 59 for almost 5 per game. The team has made a grand total of 593 points for a 49 5-12 points per game to an enemy aggregate of 491 points. The first four boys point in every game, and the fifth Jefferson, has run hot in several games with 13. Spears had 19 points in the Tennessee State game, 21 in the first Morehouse game (Atlanta), and 19 in the second Morehouse game (here), and has two 19's, two 18.s, and three 16's.

The team seems to play best under pressure and in the second half. It believes in Hollis and Spears for pointing, but when these boys are covered somehow they manage to score all along the line. Most of the scoring is done in spurts. Typical of these were the story book finishes to the second Tuskegee game when they tossed over a dozen points in the last eight minutes to overcome a 9-point lead and win, 41-38, and in the game with Clark last week when they scored 20 points in 7 minutes at one interval during the second half. 2-29-44

Percy King is the sparkplug of the outfit. Fast as lightning, cool, and heady he steadies the boys when they go up in the air and has presence of mind enough to call time out and so on. Henry "Speakeasy" Hollis is the youngest (15) and one of the most promising lads ever seen here. He has everything. His main weakness is anger with himself whenever he pulls a bone. "Buddy" Spears is always at his best when defeat seems imminent with his long looping shots from every conceivable angle after the mid-stripe is crossed. Leo Clayton is a guard and feeder until the going gets tough then he, too, starts dropping them in. Bernard Jefferson fits into the combo and hawks the ball. Usually the starting lineup is "Speakeasy" Hollis and 'Bernie" Jefferson, forwards, 'Buddy' Spears, center, and 'Dake' King and "Dude" Clayton, guards. By no means a dream, team, they have the guts and fight to continue to the end and never give up. Their defensive game is not always there, but they manage to score enough to win.

SIAC CAGE TEAMS TO CONVERGE ON TUSKEGEE FOR TOURNAMENT

Daily World- Atlanta, Ga. 2-27-44

Practically all of the Southern Intercollegiate Athletic Conference cage teams have ended their visitation schedules and are ready to converge on Tuskegee Institute for the eleventh annual championship tournament, which will be played on the spacious courts in Logan Hall, Thursday, Friday and Saturday, March 2, 3, and 4.

According to the plans of the committee on arrangements, drawings will be held, Wednesday night and first round elimination games will begin Thursday afternoon. The semi-finals and finals, slated for Friday and Saturday nights will draw a large number of sports fans from Atlanta, Montgomery Birmingham, and nearby Fort Benning. Entries to date include Alabama State Teachers College Clark College, Fisk University Florida A. and M. College, Knoxville College, Morehouse College, Morris Brown College and Tuskegee Institute.

TUSKEGEE GOLDEN TIGERS CHALK UP IMPRESSIVE RECORD 2-27-44

The Tuskegee Golden Tigers have chalked up a very impressive record this season, with 12 victories out of 13 games against conference teams and a clean slate against non-conference foes. The Golden-clad cagers' record includes victories over the following teams: Fisk, 49-40; 49-32; 'Bama State 43-34; Morris Brown, 56-38; 59-31; Clark, 56-29; 55-30; Morehouse, 41-37 ; 71-28; and Florida, 43-38 and 48-28. Non-conference teams toppled by Tuskegee were: Meharry "Medics," Tennessee State, and Student Training Regiment, Fort Benning. The only sad note, which after all does not detract from the Golden Tigers' brilliant record is the fact that they eluded the Tuskegee Army Air Corps cagers—that is of course, if information given the writer is correct. If this is really true, it will be difficult to explain, when Alabama State, Morehouse and Morris Brown, quite a distance from the base played the servicemen.

TUSKEGEE FAVORED TO WIN CONFERENCE CROWN

Tuskegee's Golden Tigers are favored by the experts to walk off with the 1944 conference crown, with little or no trouble. This choice seems to be a logical one in the light of the Tiger's record, but if the tournament follows the traditional pattern, an upset may be stacked in the "cards." Tuskegee's strongest opposition will come from the 'Bama State Hornets, the only team to whip the Golden-clad quintet this season. Man-for-man, Tuskegee has the best balanced team, but the Hornets can overcome this advantage with an air-tight defense, plus a plenty fight. When the pairings are made Tuskegee and Alabama will be seeded, and there is a possibility that Morris Brown and Morehouse will fall in different brackets. Even so, there is no assurance that these four teams will reach the semi-finals, for, lest we forget, Florida, Fisk and Knoxville have formidable teams, and must be underrated.

SIAC CAGE STANDINGS

	W	L	TP	OP	Pct.
Tuskegee	12	1	662	427	.923
Alabama	6	2	386	315	.750
M. B.	5	5	438	434	500
Morehouse	5	6	482	491	.455
Clark	3	6	340	416	.333
Fisk	2	5	311	311	.286
Florida	1	4	291	241	.200
Knoxville	0	2	75	101	.000
Lane	0	4	97	221	.000

AL DAVIS' LEFT CAUSES EXCITEMENT 2-27-44

Al Davis, a welterweight caused a plenty excitement in boxing circles over the past week-end, when he flattened Bob Montgomery, with his lethal left in exactly 1 minute and 3 seconds of the first round. The big question that was raised was whether Montgomery would have any drawing power in the "Garden," when he climbed thru the ropes for the returned title bout with Beau Jack on March 3. One of the suggestions made was to replace Montgomery and match Jack and Davis. The principals in the two-day run-around were Promoter Mike Jacobs, Major General John J. Phelan, chairman of the State Atheltic Commission and Chick Wergeles, Beau Jack's manager. After considerable debate, the Jack-Montgomery bout was given the "go-sign," with Jack slated to meet Davis on March 17. The winner of the Jack-Montgomery bout will match blows with Sammy Angott on March 31.

Inter-Racial Basketball Game in Harlem Tonight

Daily Worker- New York, N.Y.

2-29-44

By Phil Gordon

Tonight's the night for one of the biggest and most important basketball games of the year.

In a game which is being played to "cement inter-racial, inter-faith unity" the Garfield All Nations team will take on the Abyssinia Big 5 at Renassiance Casino at 138th St. and Seventh Ave. in Harlem.

Both teams are undefeated. Both are composed of some of the best basketball players in amateur ranks. Both teams are devoted to the cause of unity at home to defeat Hitlerism.

The game is part of a nationwide drive to cement unity between all people in our country. Chairmen of the drive are the Rev. A. Clayton Powell, Jr., and Max Bedacht, general secretary of the IWO.

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Tonight's game will be highlighted by the return to his team of Walter Daviduk, wounded veteran of the Volturno River battle in Italy. Daviduk played with the Garfield team gefore entering the Army. He was shrapnelled in the right eye but will play tonight nevertheless.

The Garfield All Nations team is the former state champions.

The Garfield All Nations team won the New Jersey state championship in the AAU tourney last year and have been unbeaten in more than two seasons of play. On the squad are Daviduk, Dick Lejeskie, Ed Hintenberger and Richard Amos, Jersey all-state players.

They have won nine games this season without suffering a setback.

Lajeske is one of the best basketball players ever developed in New Jersey while Hinterburger is an ex-Fordham football star who has been honorably discharged from the Army.

The team is comprised of Irish, Slovak, Russian, Dutch, German and Ukrainian-Americans.

The Abyssinian Big 5 team is one of the leading Negro amateur teams in the East. They Won the PAL championship for three years and are well on the way to another championship season. In their line-up are Relland Jones, Abe Collins, Preston Powell, Billy Odell and Jessie Elliot. All five of the boys were scheduled to join pro teams but early Army-induction notices have kept them amateurs.

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The game is sponsored by the Inter-Racial, Inter-Faith, Unity Committee. 2-29-44

The Committee's campaign has already received the endorsement of Lt. Commander Jack Dempsey, United States Coast Guard Education Director, who autographed a basketball bearing the slogan, "Strengthen racial and religious unity to defeat Hitlerism and Tojo-ism" The ball will make the rounds of the sports world for signatures of athletic celebrities supporting the slogan.

The proceeds of the basketball game and dance will be shared by the Abyssinian Baptist Church Community Center to expand its child care and recreational facilities for Harlem youth; and by the IWO Servicemen's Welfare Committee which has already distributed over one million gift items; such as books, candy, toilet articles and kits and more than three million packs of smokes to the United States armed forces.

TUSKEGEE COPS S. I. A. C. CROWN ON 58-51 WIN

Age Herald—Birmingham, Ala.

3-7-44

TUSKEGEE INSTITUTE, Ala., March 6—Tuskegee's Golden Tigers were crowned Southern Intercollegiate Athletic Conference cage champions Saturday night as they defeated Clark College, of Atlanta, in the conference championship finals, 58-51, at Logan Hall.

It was the first conference championship for the Tigers since 1934 when the present coach, Edward H. Adams, was captain and guard on the championship team.

In Tuskegee's march for the title, the quint defeated Morris Brown, 57-22; Florida, 40-31, and Clark College. Clark, in advancing to the finals, took Fish, 39-30, and Alabama State's Hornets, 48-41.

Charles Perry paced the championship victory with a high of 32 points. Tom Hornburger, pivotman, sunk six field goals and a free throw to add 13 points to the victors' total. Reginald Haynes threw in 20 points for Clark, but had too little support from the rest of the team. 3-7-44

All-tournament selection listed three Tuskegee players and one player each from Clark and Alabama State. Calvin Jones, Tuskegee, and Haynes, Clark, were named forwards: Hornburger was named center, and Perry and Henry Hollist, Alabama State, were selected for guards.

The score:

TUSKEGEE	g.	f.	pf.	t.	CLARK	g.	f.	pf.	t.
George,f	0	0	0	0	Thomas,f	3	1	0	7
Jones,f	3	1	2	7	James,f	2	0	0	4
Hornburger,c	6	1	1	13	Owens,c	4	1	4	9
Perry,g	15	2	1	32	Morris,g	3	1	1	7
Bethel,g	2	0	2	4	Colquitt,g	2	0	1	4
Parker,f	0	0	0	0	Haynes,f	10	0	3	20
Tabor,g	0	0	1	0	Crittendon,g	0	0	0	0
Miller,f	0	0	0	0					
Monroe,f	0	0	0	0					
Smith,c	1	0	0	2					
Totals	27	4	7	58	Totals	24	3	10	51

Tuskegee Five Loses, 41 to 38, To Ala. State

Amsterdam News New York, N.Y.

2-5-44

String of Victories Stops At 11 as Teachers Win

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Score Tied Frequently

The game was a nerve-tingling and heart pulsating encounter, with the score frequently changing; dead-locking four times during the period of play. The tension was high on both sides and relief came only when the big clock on the wall ticked off the final second of playing time. 2-5-44

Alabama		G	F	P	Tuskegee		G	F	P
Hollis	f	1	1	3	Jones	f	3	0	6
Spears	c	9	1	19	George	f	2	3	7
King	g	2	0	4	H'burger	c	3	1	7
Clayton	g	4	0	8	Smith	c	0	0	0
Jefferson	g	2	3	7	Bethel	g	2	1	5
Robinson	g	0	0	0	Miller	g	0	0	0
					Perry	g	6	1	13
Totals		18	5	41	Totals		16	6	38

Officials: Frank L. Forbes (Morehouse) Lt. Louis Ballard (Virginia State.)

TUSKEGEE GOLDEN TIGERS ANNEX SIAC CAGE CROWN; CLARK PANTHERS STEAL SHOW

The Tuskegee Golden Tigers came thru victoriously in the eleventh annual Southern Intercollegiate Athletic Conference Basketball tournament, played recently in Logan Hall, Tuskegee Institute to annex the 1944 cage crown. The "fast-stepping" Tigers led the SIAC loop during the visitation season with a long string of victories against a single defeat, and entered the tournament as the outstanding favorite. The tournament got underway with Tuskegee routing Morris Brown; Florida upsetting Morehouse; Alabama State taking the measure of Knoxville and Clark chalking up a well-earned victory over Fisk, As the tournament went into the semi-finals, however, the Clark Panthers came to the front with a stirring victory over the 'Bama State Hornets, while the Golden Tigers shaded the Florida Rattlers by a comfortable margin. With this sensational victory, the Clark Panthers completely "stole the show," and added new color and interest in the meet. Daily World-Atlanta, Ga. 3-12-44

HAYNES, MORRIS, OWENS AND THOMAS KEEP FANS ON EDGE

Not content with toppling the strong 'Bama State quintet, the "blitz-breaking" Clark Panthers gave the Golden Tigers a great scare in the finals, before bowing, 58-51. Reginald Haynes, Phonecia Morris, Talmadge Owens and Wade Thomas played like "super-men" to keep the fans on edge. This great combination matched everything Thomas Hornburger, Charles Perry, Wilbur George, Calvin Jones and William Bethel had to offer. Haynes proved that he was one of the most polished perofrmers in the that he was one of the most polished performers in the son. It was the brilliant play of this youngster that kept the Panthers in the running, together with the all-round play of Morris, Thomas, Owens and Colquitt. Much praise is due Coach Charles McPherson, who took over the Panther outfit, when Coach Robinson took the position of assistant scout executive with the Atlanta Area Council of the Boy Scouts of America.

THE WRITER PICKS AN ALL-STAR TEAM

The writer is picking an all SIAC team, based on play during the visitation season, rather than that in the tournament. While unable to witness the colorful tourney, the writer saw every team in the loop in action, and this made it possible for him to judge, at least to some extent, the relative ability and merit of the players. Thus, the readers are urged to keep in mind that the mythical selections given below are restricted to pre-tournament performances of players seen in action during the visitation season. The writer has shifted a few men out of their regular positions, but feels justified in doing so, since this great indoor sport has reached a stage where good players are expected to fit well into any position.

FIRST TEAM

Henry Hollis, Forward, Alabama State; Russell Hapgood Forward, Morris Brown; Thomas Hornburger, Center, Tuskegee; Charles Perry, Guard, Tuskegee; Reginald Haynes Guard, Clark. 3-12-44

SECOND TEAM

Calvin Jones, Forward, Tuskegee; Charles Matthews, Forward, Fisk; Oliver Brooks, Center, Morehouse; Charles Spears, Guard, Alabama State, Phonecia Morris, Guard Clark.

THIRD TEAM

Hawkins, Forward, Florida; Ellis, Forward, Knoxville, Owens, Center, Clark; Harris, Guard, Morehouse; Carter, Guard, Morris Brown.

Atlanta Aggregation Puts Up Fine Scrap

Daily World-Atlanta, Ga.

3-5-44

By J. C. CHUNN

TUSKEGEE INSTITUTE, Ala. — Tournament favorite Tuskegee did just what the experts said she would do in the Southern Intercollegiate Basketball tournament, held here in Logan hall Thursday, Friday and concluding Saturday night with the chamiponship fray. The Tigers became champions by defeating the Clark College Panthers of Atlanta, by the tally of 58 to 51 in a thrilling finish in the Saturday night finals.

The game was packed with thrills, brilliantly played and and presented some of the outstanding players of the nation on both sides. The final skirmish was never safe in the claws of the Tigers until the final whistle sounded which ended the heated fray between two great cage teams.

CLARK SURPRISES

Clark, not even considered when picks were made for winners of the meet, surprised the thousands of person who saw the games. The men in black and red advanced to the finals by defeating the strong Alabama State College Hornets picked to give Tuskegee the most trouble. The licked the 'Bama State aggregation in another thriller on Friday night. The Tuskegee five advanced to the finals by bowling over the fast-stepping Florida A. and M. College. Rattler combine of Tallahassee.

Winning the consolation in the game between the two semi-final losers, Alabama State and Florida, was the 'Bama State Hornets, who did so by the score of 37-33 in a last minute spurt.

In the final game Clark, the underdog, looked like a sure winner several times, while the gallery went wild with cheers for the favorite club. During the second half with less than 12 minutes left to play the Panthers pulled up on even terms 36 - 36, with the Tigers but faltered as time went on and lost the heart-breaking thriller 58 to 51, a game which satisfied even the Clark and Altanta supporters.

High point man was Reginald Haynes with 20 points and next to him was Talmadge Owens with nine, for Clark, and for Tuskegee the high man was Charles Perry with 32, which maybe a tourney record and on his heels was Thomas Hornberger. 3-5-44

Both teams in the final fray played gr a' ball and worked excellently together as a unit.

Hornets Defeat Tuskegee Fliers, 47-36

Weekly Review

B'ham, Ala. 2-5-44

MONTGOMERY, Ala., Jan 28. — The red hot Alabama State Hornets ran their streak of wins to five tonight by defeating the strong Tuskegee Fliers 47-36 before an overflow crowd here in Hornet gymnasium tonight.

The Fliers put on a classy exhibition of basketball to play the Hornets on even terms for the first half and had a 19-18 advantage at the recess period. Returning to the floor, the Hornets lost no time in running up a commanding lead and were never headed. The combination of Jefferson, Hollis, Spears, King, and Clayton put on a fancy exhibition of passing which had the fliers grabbing at air as they flipped the ball around at dazzling speed and set up shot after shot. Particularly outstanding was the guarding of Clayton who repeatedly tied the army shotsmiths up time and again. His floor work was matched by Phillips of the visiting five who drew applause from the crowd for his speed and accuracy in passing.

Hollis with 16 and King with 13 led the scoring for the Hornets for a win scored earlier this month by the fliers over in Tuskegee, and ran their streak of wins to five straight. The Hornets have an average of slightly over 50 points per game for the five and their ace pointers Hollis and Spears have a game average of 14 points each.

SUMMARY

Ala. State (47)	B	F	P
Hollis, f	8	0	1
Jefferson, f	1	0	1
Spears, c	4	0	2
King, g	6	1	0
Clayton, g	4	0	4
Evans, g	0	0	1
Bell, f	0	0	1
TOTALS	23	1	10
Tuskegee Fliers (36)	**B**	**F**	**P**
Johnson, g (J. C. Smith	4	1	0
Phillips, f (C.C.N.Y)	4	0	4
Lewis, c (Southern U.)	2	1	1
Mukes, g (Newcastle)	5	0	2
Grigsby, g (Houston)	0	0	1
Prichard, g (?)	1	0	3
Christian, g (U.C.L.A.)	1	0	0
TOTALS	17	2	11

Officials: W. Frazier (Ala. A. & M.); J. C. Coke (Alabama State).

'Bama State Hornets Nip Tuskegee 41-38

TUSKEGEE, Ala., Jan. 26 — Alabama State's Hornets roared back in the closinb minutes of a wild and wooly second half here tonight to defeat the previously undefeated Tuskegee Tigers 41-38 in the most thrilling game seen on the local floor this year.

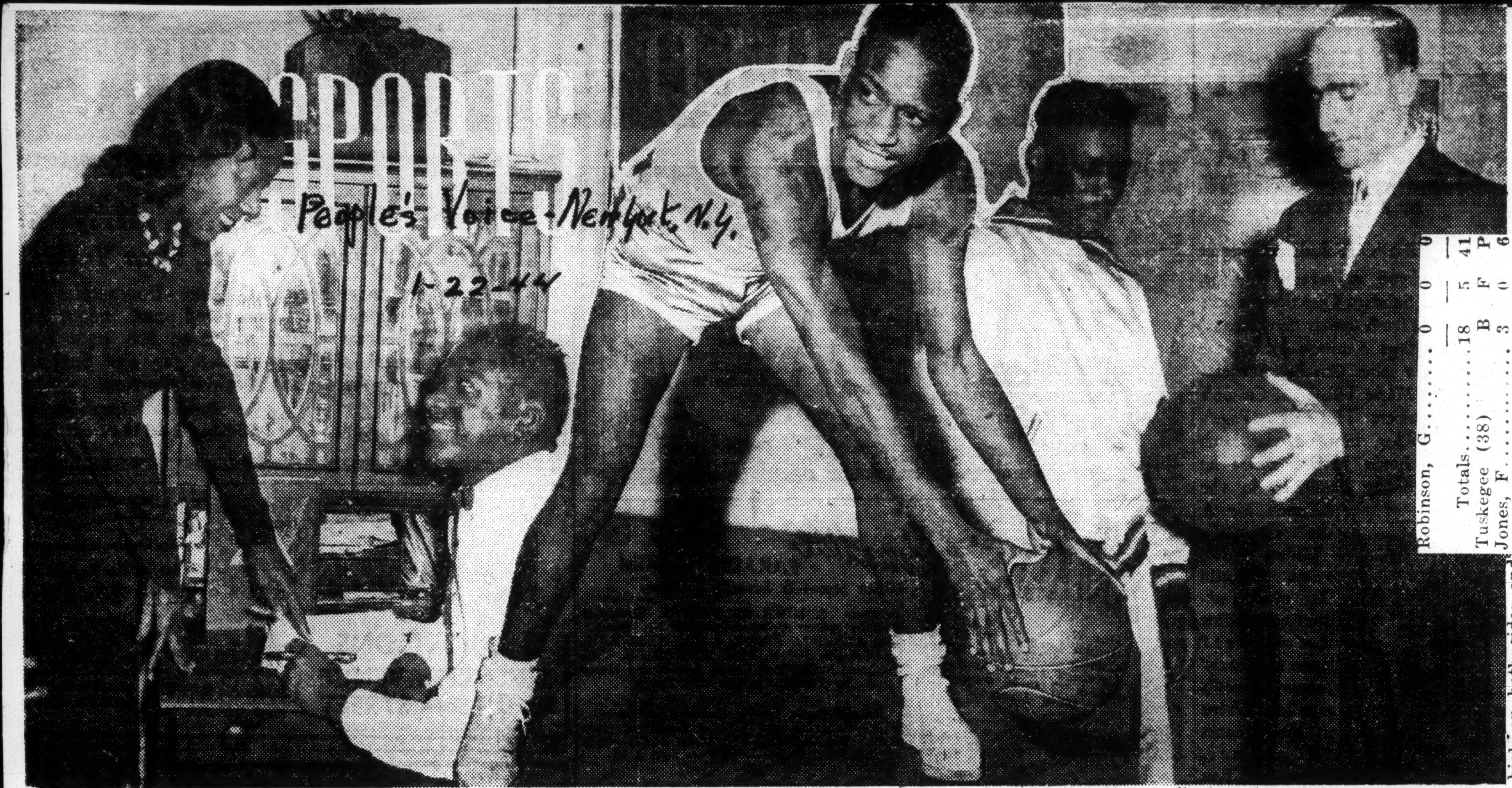
The game started as a close-guarding contest and was nip and tuck for the entire first half which ended 19-17 with the Tigers in front. Off with the first whistle in the second half, the Tigers soon pulled away to a 9 point lead which narrowed to 6 points with less than five minutes to play. Then Spears put the Hornets back in the game with 3 long shots that swished through the strings and brought the stands to their feet, and foul shot by Jefferson knotted the count, 35-35. Tuskegee pulled way to a 38-35 lead with 4 minutes remaining and Spears went into action with a shot to put the count to 38-37 and Clayton dropped in two to put the Hornets in the lead. A one minute freeze by the Hornets cinched the game and broke the Tiger string of victories at 10.

The game was pretty much a team affair for both sides, with Spears the margin of difference with his 19 points. Perry of the Tigers had 13. 2-5-44

SUMMARY

Ala. State (41)	B	F	P
Hollis, f	1	1	[illegible]
King, f, g.	2	0	1
Jefferson, f	2	3	1
Spears, c	9	1	3
Clayton, g	4	0	4
Robinson, g	0	0	2
TOTALS	18	5	[illegible]
Tuskegee (38)	**B**	**F**	**P**
George, f	3	3	2
Jones, f	2	0	0
Hornburger, c	3	1	4
Bethel, g	2	1	2
Perry, g	6	1	2
TOTALS	16	6	10

Referee: S. F. Forbes, (Morehouse); Lt. Ballard (Virginia State).



People's Voice-NewYork, N.Y.
1-22-44

EVEN INTO THE LIFE of a basketball whiz some romance must fall and our Eddie, the younger, being no exception has discovered the delightfulness of the soft passion in the person of Miss Helen Johnson with whom he exchanges smiles in the foto at the left. Center pic shows the LIU speed demon about to feint and then go gizzling off on a journey towards the basket. In the shot at the left, Coach Rd Wolfe imparts some subtle strategy to his LIU ace hoping that same will result in many victories for the Brooklyn school.

LIU's Ed Younger Really Fills The Bill Another In Line Of Harlem Court Greats

People's Voice-NewYork N.Y. 1-22-44

The curtain has raised on another season fo basketball in the Garden and once again the smartest crowd of devotees to the hardwood sport in the country will be cheering to the rafters Ned Irish's bargain basement extravaganzas of collegiate twin bills. One of the brightest stars of these lively sports dramas is a 145 pound, five footer from the hills of Harlem, a hard riding, lightning fast, shifty caballero, yclept Don Eddie Younger of LIU.

To this tiny terror has fallen the immense job of filling the big brogans left two years ago by Dolly King and more recently huge Harry Boykoff, who was star, playmaker and general factotum of St. John's quintet of the past season. While the job is a large one indeed, there isn't a single appraiser of basketball talent around who doesn't feel that he'll prove more than adequate. 1-22-44

New York City born, Eddie learned his basketball the hard way, on the streets of the big town and in the school yards, traditional breeding ground of the upper case court aces of the past decade. Of these Harlem has seemed to produce an unending stream. He has traversed what has come to be the Harlem high road to basketball greatness, which means that he came under the tutelage of Rip Day at P.S. 139 and moved from there to Ben Franklin High. 1-22-44

20 YR. OLD VARSITY CAPT.

Only twenty years of age, and a sophomore, nevertheless on Eddie's broad shoulders falls the task of guiding the Blackbirds through a difficult campaign in his role as captain of the current varsity. How come such a youngsters should inherit the role of pilot? C'est la guerre. With all of the capable upper classmen called to the colors, Younger is the only veteran on the squad. And he'll be around awhile too since he has a 4F rating in the draft as the result of a punctured ear drum.

Red Wolfe, Bee's successor as coach, looks on Eddie as perhaps the difference between a winning season and a year of disaster on the hardwood court for the Brooklyn collegians.

SON OF COURT STAR

Edward comes by his exceptional playing ability naturally. His dad, a member of the Alpha Club from 1912 to 1915 was a shining star in his own right. Oldtimers recalling the playing days of the "Senator" as the elder Younger was known, say that Eddie has every one of his playing mannerisms. And just to show that ability to dribble and shoot an inflated spheroid through a netted hoop runs in the family, another brother, Lenny, won himself a varsity berth on the great Clark College five of last season.

So when the exploits of the local caliphs of the court are tallied for individual honors at the end of the current campaign, it's quite possible that the name of Edward Younger—like that of Abou Ben Adam—will lead all the rest.

'Bama State Breaks Kegee Win Streak

Bee-Chicago, Ill.

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Jefferson, F.	3	3	7
Robinson, G.	0	0	0
Totals	18	5	41

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Hornburger, C.	3	1	7
Smith, C.	0	0	0
Bethel, G.	0	1	5
Miller, G.	0	0	0
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2-6-44

Officials: Frank L. Forbes (Morehouse). Lt. Louis Ballard (Virginia State).

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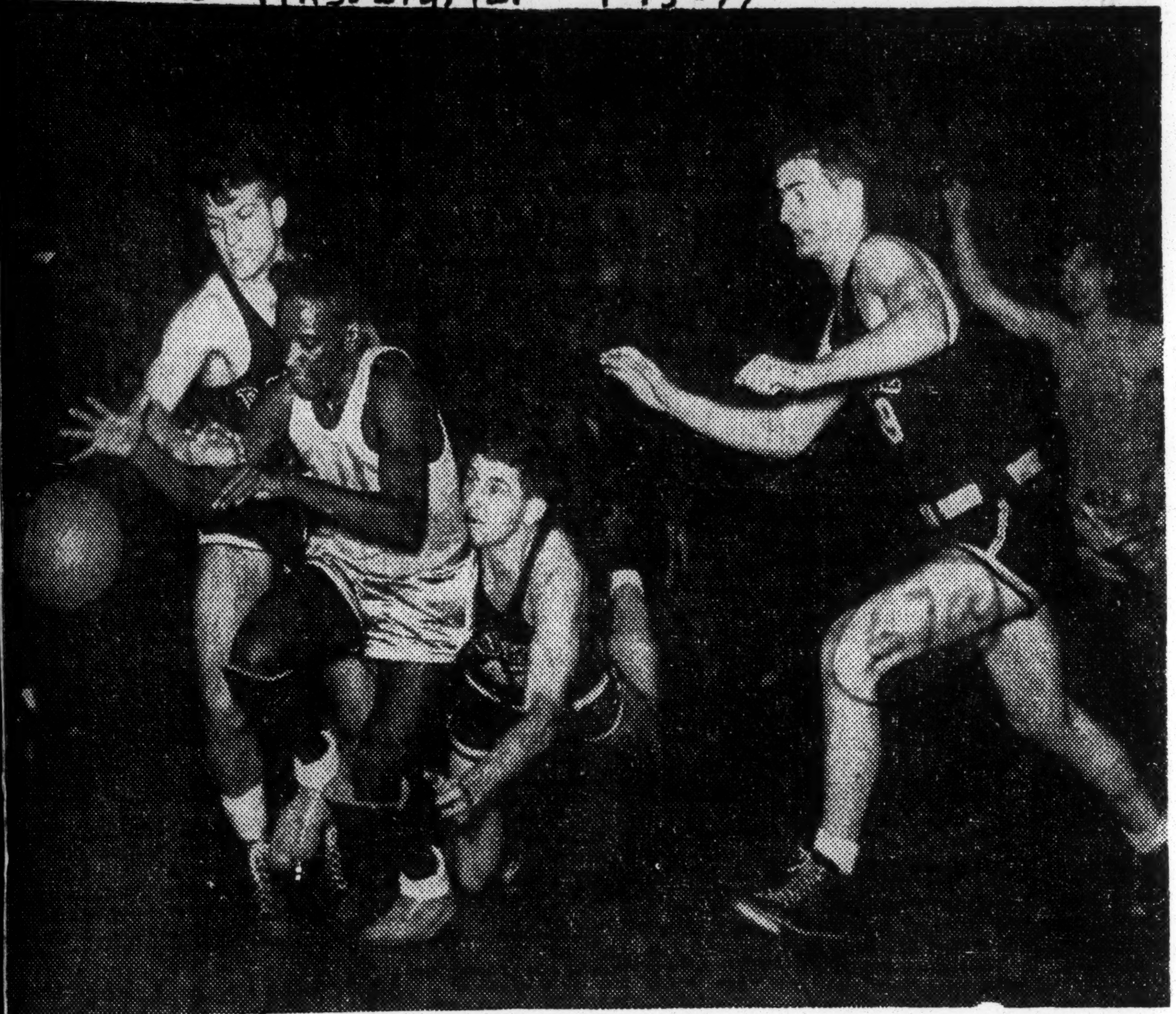
YOUNGER COMES CHARGING THROUGH FOR LIU

Courier-Pittsburg, Pa. 1-15-44



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Ed Younger, speedy sepia guard of the Long Island University Blackbirds, came charging through in this picture to take the ball away from three Duke university players in a recent game in New York. Younger starred throughout the game. —INS Photo.

Refuses to Recognize Colored College Quintets for National Tournaments

Amsterdam News-Brooklyn, N.Y.

By DON DE LEIGHBUR

(For Continental Features) 3-4-44

A Negro athlete has been playing consistently in Madison Square Garden in collegiate basketball, but not because of any great effort on the part of Ned Irish, Garden basketball promoter. The Negro is Eddie Younger, captain of the Long Island University team, which defeated Washington & Jefferson College, 45-42, recently before 15,000 fans. Irish in the midst of many outstanding examples in which the color line in sports is being done away with in light of the Negro's contributions to the war effort and the new spirit that is actuating closer cooperation and mutual regard of the races, has persistently declined to recognize the ability of Negro college basketball teams and issue an invitation to leading clubs among them to participate in his annual National Invitation Collegiate Tournament, March 6 to 26 at the Eighth Avenue palace of sports.

Snubbed Virginia Union

In the past Irish had plenty of chances to take the step that would show him fully American in spirit by inviting the "dream team" from Virginia Union University at Richmond, a club that had one of the top records in the nation for a three-year period. This team proved its ability by defeating Long Island University, in inter-racial clashes, and was hailed by white and colored writers alike as one of the great teams of basketball.

This year, two Negro college basketball teams stand out like sore thumbs, but which haven't rated even a chance from the evidently color-conscious Ned Irish. North Carolina College at Durham, has one of the marvel combinations of the hardwood courts, which up to last Monday, was unbeaten in a string of games that saw them taking the measure of the best the CIAA has to offer, outside Lincoln University of Oxford, Pa. The latter club, moulded under the watchful eye of Coach Manny Rivero, also boasts an unbeaten record, numbering on the list of victims such teams as Howard, Morgan, Hampton, Virginia Union and others.

North Carolina set a national scoring mark against St. Augustine's College, 119 to 34, in a game that demonstrated the ability of the Eagle players to "hit" from all angles of the court. The previous record for 1944 was held by Iowa University whose team defeated the University of Chicago several weeks ago, 103-40. The Carolina conquests include the 1319th Engineers, the 930th Field Artillery team, St. Augustine's, Shaw, Fayetteville, Bluefield, West Virginia State, A & T College, Hampton and Johnson C. Smith. 3-4-44

Meet in Jim Crow Tilt

These two clubs, North Carolina and Lincoln, will meet in Harlem to decide the supremacy of the courts on March 10, at the Renaissance Casino. This Jim Crow game is being forced upon Harlem because Ned Irish declines to accept the fact that North Carolina and Lincoln this year have teams that can compete on a par with any he invites from his list of white colleges. Eddie Younger is playing with Long Island University mainly because of his ability and because of the standard set at the school by the former coach, Lieutenant Commander Clair Bee.

It was under Bee that William (Dolly) King was developed into one of the all-time greats in basketball and Eddie Younger, diminutive among the treetop-tall opposition he has faced this season (he's 5 ft. 4 inches, 150 lbs.) has proved that color has not one thing to do with ability.

LIU Gets Invitation

Long Island University, situated as it is in the metropolitan New York picture of collegiate basketball competition, is invited each year to play at the Garden, and of course, Irish has to accept the presence of Younger on the team. He also has to accept the relatively few Negroes from other schools who constantly get bids, Dayton in particular. However, Irish's record on this score has shown him not being inclined in any way to play ball with all of the American public that likes and supports basketball. 3-4-44

North Carolina and Lincoln, two up to date schools with outstanding records are being discriminated against solely because of color and consequently, being forced to play a game between them under Jim Crow conditions which New York officially doesn't recognize. One way to give Irish a picture of what Americans are thinking is to bombard him with letters, telegrams and phone calls asking why aren't North Carolina and Lincoln in line for invitations to this tournament this year. Write him at Madison Square Garden, New York.

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Woman Coach Having Success With Tennessee Cage Quintet

Courier- Pittsburgh, Pa.

2-5-44

By CHARLES J. SMITH

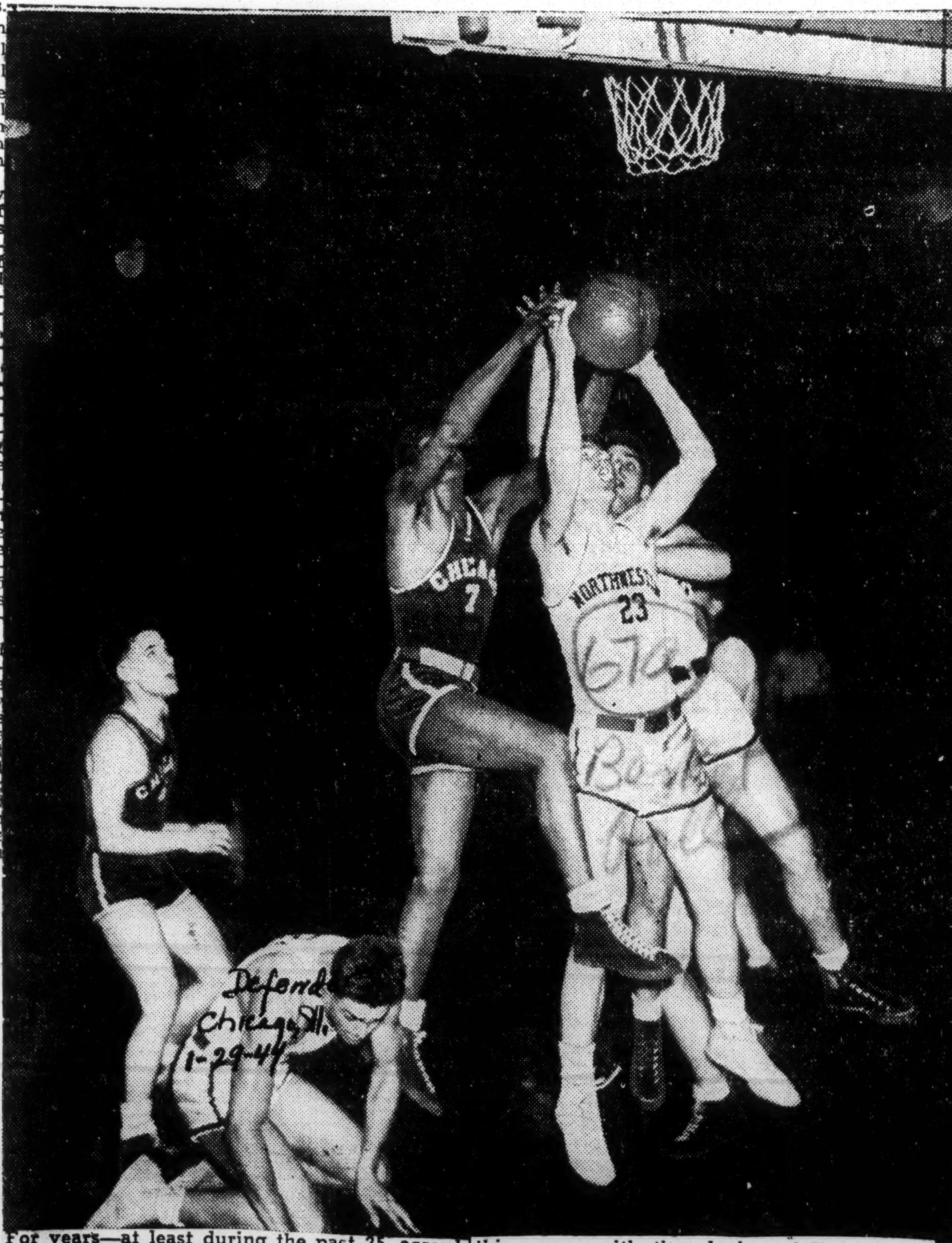
NASHVILLE, Tenn.—Out of collegiate competition for the past three years, the Tennessee State Tigers have returned to the hardwood. They hold a 31-21 victory over West Virginia, 44-22 victory over Lane college, 25-22 and 25-12 over the local NAAC (Nashville Army Center) five. They have been defeated by Fisk university, Tuskegee institute, Lane college and the Meharry Medic Five.

The team is coached by Mrs. Willette Goodlett, only woman ever to coach a major basketball five. She attended Savage School of Physical Education, where she ranked nationally as a basketball player. She was graduated from the School of Physical Education and received the M.A. degree from Columbia university.

The Tigers are captained by Boid Buid, All-Arkansas State of 1943. The right guard position is held down by Bernard "BB" Ballard, All-Tennessee State guard of 1942 The other guard is held down by Jerry Van Bolar, a member of the All-City Five while attending Dunbar high, Lexington, Ky. Then he transferred to Lincoln Ridge institute, Lincoln Ridge, Ky., where he was a stellar guard. Van Bolar is dangerous as a defensive guard, even more dangerous as an offensive center. Bertram "Bert" Martin is a dead shot forward. He was a member of the 'Bama State high five of 1943, which hung up a record of 12 winnings against three defeats and won second place in the Alabama State High School Tournament. He made honorable mention for All-Alabama State. He hit for 15 points against Tuskegee, and was "on the ball" when the Tigers invaded the deep South. 2-5-44

Clarence "Cushaw" Crutchfield is one of the best defensive forwards in collegiate basketball. He constantly steals balls and is very dangerous on the offensive. He is only 5 ft. 6 inches tall. Roscoe "Lanky" Pearson is the "bucket man" of the team. Against West Virginia State he has 16 points; Lane College, 18; Tuskegee, 13, and Alabama State, 12. Freshmen dominate the team, with only three upperclassmen out of a 13-man squad.

CHICAGO UNIVERSITY 'CRACKS THE ICE'



Defender Chicago, Ill. 1-29-44

For years—at least during the past 35, according to our veteran sports editor—the Big Ten conference basketball coaches have not used a Negro player. Chicago university broke the ice this season with the playing of Frank Whittaker of Columbus, Ohio, (number 7 in this picture) as forward in conference games. And no one has died of heart failure because Whittaker is in the game. This photo shows him battling Northwestern's John Ward (No. 23) for the rebound off the board in the game against Northwestern university on Friday night, January 7. Northwestern won 77 to 20. Chicago's Dick Furry is at the left and on the floor is Northwestern's George Felt.—Chicago Sun photo.

1-29-44

10th District Wins North Division Juvenile Crown Interracial League Helps

Argus - St Louis, Mo.

2-25-44

The Tenth District Buddies won the championship of their division Monday, February 21, defeating the Sixth District Juveniles, by a score of 29-26.

The Buddies, a group of Juveniles coached by Juvenile Officer, Thomas Brooks, of the Tenth District, have not lost a game in league competition. They lost their first game to a group of boys that played on the different high schools throughout the city and at the time were representing the Fifth District and due to the fact these boys were over the size and age limit, Sgt. Moran, head of the Juvenile Division, called the game an exhibition.

The only outside game the Buddies participated in, was the Sumner High School (B) team and they defeated this team by a score of 18-17, in a preliminary to the Sumner and Vashon game at Tandy Community Center, Friday, February 18.

The Buddies have one more game in League competition and then they will play the strong Third District (white), winners of the South Division. The Third District Juveniles are also undefeated. 2-25-44

The Juvenile Division took a forward step in organizing this league. It is the first time a basketball league has been organized by the Police Department; also it was the first interracial basketball league, to this writer's knowledge, that was ever organized in St. Louis. After this league was organized, the Catholic High School was also organized. For years the Muny Athletic Association has barred Negroes from competing in their organization. Sgt. Moran is to be complimented for his fairness. When the League was organized, Sgt. Moran stated after some discussion, whether the Negroes should have a league among themselves, "there will be no separate league and my orders are the Central, Ninth and Tenth District, will consist of colored lads and the other Districts will consist of white boys, also each Juvenile Officer in his respective District will be compelled to produce a team."

The league has developed an game. Win or lose, they congratulate each other and at no time during the league has there ever been anything but friendly competition and often a Negro referee has officiated in games at the request of the different teams. Sgt. Moran through his farsightedness has shown how Americans should live, by instilling in the minds of these youths, regardles of race or creed that there are human beings that can live together, play together and still be reliable, honest and respectable.

2-25-44

If we had more men with Sgt. Thomas J. Moran's attitude toward life and his fellowman, this would be a better world to live in. Keep the good work up Sgt. Moran.

Tuskegee Tops Clark U. Five For SIAC Flag

Tribune— Philadelphia, Pa.

TUSKEGEE INSTITUTE, Ala.—Tuskegee won the championship in the Eleventh Annual Southern Intercollegiate Athletic Conference, Saturday when Clark was defeated 58-51 in the finals at Logan Hall.

Winner of over 28 games during the season, Tuskegee was seeded number 1. Florida A. and M. bowed to the Golden quint in the opening game 57-31 and they defeated Morris Brown in the second round 57-22.

3-11-44

Clark won through to the finals by topping Fisk 39-30 and upsetting favored Alabama State in the second round, 48-41.

FINALS—Consolation Game

ALABAMA STATE (37)	B.	F.	Pf.	Tp.
Clayton, f	1	5	2	7
Evans, f	0	0	1	0
Hollis, f	5	0	1	10
King, g	2	1	2	5
Jefferson, c	0	0	1	2
Spears, c	6	1	1	13
Robinson, c.	1	0	1	
TOTALS—	15	7	11	37

FLORIDA (33)	B.	F.	Pf.	Tp.
Hawkins, f	7	0	1	14
Irving, c	1	1	4	3
Howard, f	4	4	2	12
Lamar, f	0	2	2	2
Powell, G.	1	0	1	2
Moore, G	0	0	0	0
Gant, c	0	0	0	0
Twine, c	0	0	0	0
Moffett, f.	0	0	0	0
TOTALS—	13	7	11	33

Officials: B. T. Harvey (Colgate); G. H. Lennon (Bluefield Inst.); Joseph C. Smith (Tuskegee) Celestine Shannon (Tuskegee) Scorekeepers; John H. Brown (Va. Union) Timekeeper.

CHAMPIONSHIP GAME

TUSKEGEE (58)	B.	F.	Pf.	Tp.
George, f.	0	0	0	0
Jones, f	3	1	2	7
Hornburger, c	6	1	1	13
Perry, g	15	2	1	32
Bethel, g	2	0	2	4
Parker, f	0	0	0	0
Tabor, g	0	0	1	0
Miller, f	0	0	0	0
Smith, c	1	0	0	0
TOTALS—	17	4	7	58

CLARK (51)	B.	F.	Pf.	Tp.
Owens, c	4	1	4	9
James, f	2	0	0	4
Morris, g	3	1	1	7
Colquitt, g	2	0	1	4
Thomas, f	3	1	0	7
Haynes, f	10	0	3	20
Crittendon, g	0	0	0	0
TOTALS—	24	3	10	51

3-11-44

Officials: G. H. Lennon (Bluefield Inst.) Ollie Dawson (South Carolina State) Referees; Joseph C. Smith (Tuskegee) Celestine Shannon (Tuskegee) Scorekeepers; John H. Brown (Virginia Union) Timekeeper.

ALL-TOURNAMENT SELECTION

Name of Player	School	Position
Reginald Haynes	Clark	Forward
CaClvin Jones	Tuskegee	Forward
Thomas Hornburger	Tuskegee	Forward
Charles Perry	Tuskegee	Center
Henry Hollis	Ala. State	Guard

Charles Perry of Tuskegee was named captain of the team.

Sepia Cagesters Monopolize New York Court Leadership

Courier — Pittsburgh, Pa. -1-44

4-1-44

By MORGEN S. JENSEN, New York Bureau

NEW YORK—Five New York City institutions of higher learning—including a university—recently concluded their 1943-44 basketball schedule piloted all season by colored lads as captains of their respective quintets. This establishes what is believed to be a world record in its particular field of sports and openly establishes a "Democracy in Action" precedent which might well be followed throughout the rest of the United States.

Eddie Younger, 21, captain and star of Long Island university, is a native New Yorker, having been born and bred in Manhattan. Diminutive in stature, standing only 5' 6½" and weighing a mere 145 pounds, Eddie, who is a sophomore playing his second season on the team, already has carved an enviable niche for himself in basketball's hall of fame.

That's as it should be. He's a chip off the old block. His brother, Clarence (Sonny) Younger, Jr., was a basketball captain and star at Clark university, Atlanta, who made All-American S.I.A.C. in 1939-40. His father, Clarence Younger, Sr., who starred some 20 or 25 years ago with New York's famous Alpha Big Five, will long be remembered by court fans who used to follow the old St. Christopher, Spartan Field Club, Smart Set, Loendi. Incorporator, Hampton and Howard university aggreations.

Eddie, himself, who said he doesn't mind it being known that he's classified 4-F because of a punctured ear drum, is majoring in physical education and plans to study for his master's. In 1941 and 1942 he captained the Benjamin Franklin H. S. quintets here.

SCHOOLBOY LEADERS

David Williams, 18-year-old senior, was captain for the second consecutive year of Seward Park H. S. fives. If and when inducted into the armed forces, hopes to land in the Air Force. Weighing 165 pounds and 5' 10½" in height, he aspires to a future profession in sociology. This is his third season on the varsity.

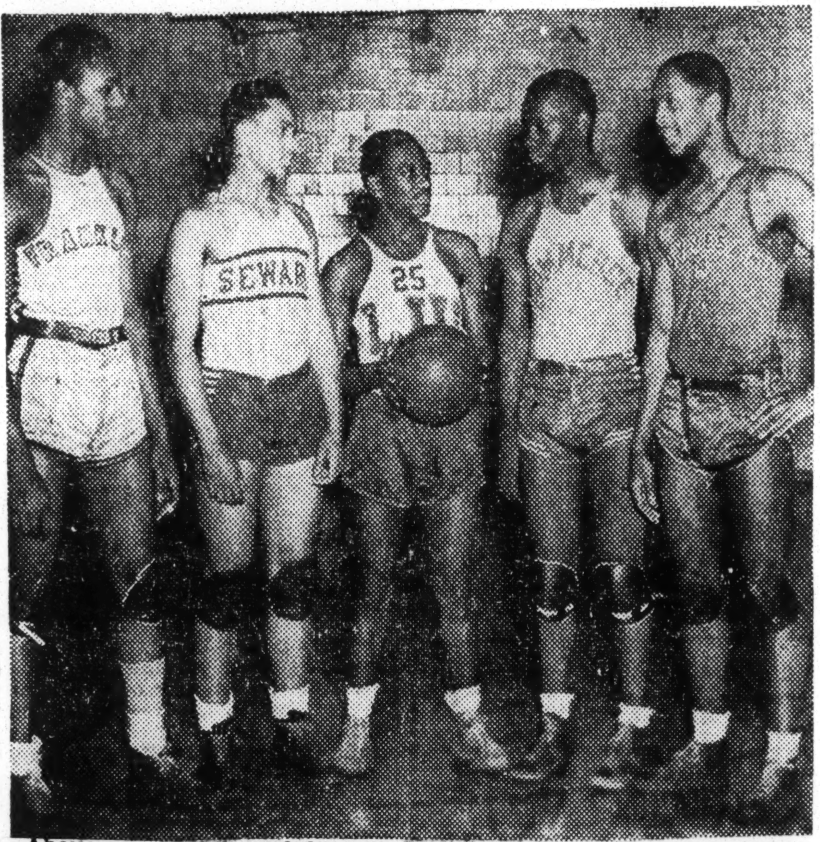
Norman Skinner, 17 years of age, 6' 1", 167 pounds, captain of Stuyvesant High's cagers, rounded out his second year on the varsity. He, too, wants to get into the Air Force, continue in college and make aviation a career. He is a senior.

Irving (Connie) Sylvester, 17-year-old, 165-pound, six-foot giant captain of the High School of Commerce five, is a junior serving his second year on the team. He intends to enter the field of accounting, via college.

TARZAN GROUPS

Tillman Overstreet, 17, towering captain of Benjamin Franklin H. S., is the Tarzan of the five leaders, standing 6' 2", and weighing 180 pounds. He is a senior and has played three years on the team, plans to study civil engineering. Benjamin Franklin high, winner of this year's Manhattan P. S. A. L. championship, holds a record of 44 straight victories and 77 wins out of 78 contests. If Uncle Sam nabs him, Tilman, also, is anxious to enter the Air Force.

ONCE IN A LIFETIME



Above are captains of five different New York City schools of higher learning—including a university — during the 1943-44 basketball season. The standouts are (left to right) Tillman Overstreet, Benjamin Franklin high; David Williams, Seward Park high; Eddie Younger, Long Island university; Irving (Connie) Sylvester, High School of Commerce, and Norman Skinner, Stuyvesant high.—Chick Solomon Photo.

Answering the question, "Have there been any unusual reactions because you, a colored fellow, were selected to lead your teammates?" the five court captain unanimously answered, "No."

"Everything has been harmonious. The coaches are swell; the student bodies have been one hundred per cent behind us, and our fellow-players worshipped us," was the concensus of the quintet.

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Boxing

THEY'LL FIGHT FOR KANSAS CITY

Tribune- Chicago, Ill. 2-22-44

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Boy

These eight champions crowned in the Kansas City Star's Golden Gloves tournament will compete in the Tournament of Champions next Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday nights in the Stadium. Kansas City's champions in other years have made their mark in the big Chicago show. Left to right: Jackie Darthard, 112 pounds; Ray Atwood, 118; Major Jones, 126; Pvt. George Tapiz, 135; Clayton Murray, 147; Ray Spurlock, 160; Roy Miller, 175; Arnold McAlpine, heavyweight. [Acme Photo.]

2-22-44

Public Just Likes Beau

Popularity of Club Fighter

Best Answer to Garden Sellout

World-Telegram- New York, N.Y.

By LESTER BROMBERG.

1-27-44

In the face of one of the most caustic and sustained roastings ever accorded a Garden fight, the nontitle affair between rival lightweight-crown claimants Beau Jack and Sammy Angott tomorrow is likely to be a sellout, or close to it. Herman Lewin of Mike Jacobs' box-office staff thinks it will draw 17,000, contributing nearly $80,000, at the $11.50 top.

How come?

The over-all answer undoubtedly is lodged somewhere in the frenzy with which wartime earners of overtime force their money on entrepreneurs of any entertainment these days.

Breaking it down to tangibles, the biggest factor probably is the public's interest in Beau Jack. Several times exposed as just an energetic club fighter, he still draws like a mustard plaster, and if the gate is up to expectations tomorrow Beau Jack will have drawn a shade under $700,000 in nine main events at the Garden.

Angott's reputation as a grabber and grappler may have become an attraction, in reverse. Fight fans love to have someone to hate, and some customers will be there for the express purpose of seeing Sammy get his lumps.

Then, it is possible, the slamming of the fight served as unintentional ballyhoo. One wouldn't be surprised if ringsiders who hadn't intended to go changed their minds, out of curiosity. How long can a fight bug keep hearing about something and remain disinterested?

One of the raps against the bout has been that it is a shill for a return over 15 rounds, at the weight. But this well may be a first - and - last - time production. (Did anyone say, "Thank Heavens"?) 1-27-44

If Angott wins—and the betting today is down to 6 to 5, Beau Jack favored—the NBA champion can forget about further dealings with the Beau.

Consider his position: He would have a decision over the current New York champion, as well as three decisions over Bob Montgomery, the man who may regain the title from Beau Jack in March.

Another thought on this line: The handlers of Angott and the Beau both drive so hard a bargain that Mike Jacobs might have to give up, even if he had his mind made up on making the match.

Jacobs got a taste of the current stubbornness of managers in trying to close a Tippy Larkin-

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Beau Jack 5-6 Choice Over Angott Tonight In Non-Title Bout of Champions at Garden

Times- New York, N.Y.

1-28-44

By JOSEPH C. NICHOLS

A situation that defies explanation will confront the boxing fan tonight. Sammy Angott of Washington, Pa., recognized by the National Boxing Association as the lightweight champion of the world, will meet Sidney Walker, better known as Beau Jack, a native of Augusta, Ga., who is regarded as the lightweight champion of the world by the New York State Athletic Commission, at Madison Square Garden.

Now, in the ordinary course of events, one would assume that these two warriors, each proclaiming himself the kingpin of the 135-pound division, would be squaring off at each other tonight with the thought of establishing a clear claim to the class crown; to settle, once and for all, the right of either to hold himself out as champion by defeating the other.

Such is not the case, however. Although the rules of the New York State Athletic Commission, which provide for a decision to be given at the end of the contest, will prevail, there will be no fear of a definite holder of the championship emerging from the fray.

If Beau Jack wins every one of the ten rounds by a margin as wide as the Pacific Ocean, Angott will leave the ring with his claim unsullied. And should the Pennsylvanian run over Jack as effectively as the Luftwaffe did over Rotterdam, the Georgian will just emerge from the figurative debris, dust himself off, go to the printer and have a thousand or so more cards printed reading, "Beau Jack, Lightweight Champion of the World." 1-28-44

Why does this untoward condition obtain? The answer is simple. It is merely that the fighters have agreed with Promoter Mike Jacobs, who is charging $11.50 apiece for ringside seats, to weigh in not less than 136½ pounds each.

And what is there to prevent the fighters coming in at the class weight of 135 pounds? Tut! Tut! Let's have none of your silly questions. Don't you know that Beau Jack is signed to defend his title against Bob Montgomery next month? Why should he risk whatever claim he has to the championship against Angott, particularly when he can draw down a more than sizable purse for a non-title exhibition? 1-28-44

Yes, that's the situation. As untenable as it seems, there will be no dearth of spectators at the Garden tonight. There will be at least 15,000 fans on hand when the bell rings, and the warriors are hopeful of cutting up a purse from gate receipts of $60,000. Betting favors Champion Beau Jack to defeat Champion Sammy Angott in this non-championship battle, at odds of 5 to 6.

Sports of the Times

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Times- New York, N.Y.

By ARTHUR DALEY

About Beau the Belter and Sammy the Clutch

1-28-44

THE two officially recognized lightweight champions of the world will do battle in the Madison Square Garden ring tonight. Is either man's title at stake? Don't be silly. They fight only for glory and money—but mostly money—and neither will be able to nudge the crown off the other's head. It's a quaint way the boxing game has of doing things and all the deploring or viewing with alarm won't change this time-honored procedure one iota.

The contestants, reading from left to right, are Beau Jack, the 135-pound king of the New York State Athletic Commission, and Sammy Angott, the personal choice of the National Boxing Association. Some day they may toss punches at each other with their twin titles on the line, but this positively is not that day.

In spite of the nonchampionship dimensions of the bout it is expected to do very well at the gate because the Beau always packs them in. He looked like no ball of fire against Lulu Costantino in his last outing, and the holding tactics of Sammy the Clutch have not endeared Angott to the lads who pay their money on the line. Yet this may very well be a high-class brawl in the best Pier 6 tradition.

Advice on the subject was sought from that renowned ear-bender and syntax-destroyer, Mr. Charles Hercules Wergeles, the manager of the Beau. Since Chick always talks in superlatives, among other things, he was turned loose to browse at will in the conversational pastures.

No Time for Reticence

"This will be the greatest fight you ever seen," he began in his usual modest fashion. "Beau Jack makes every guy he meets look good because he never stops throwin' no punches."

Ahem! If the subject was not too delicate to mention, the Beau appeared rather dismal against Costantino, even though he did win. In fact the persuasive Jimmy Johnston has had most folks believing that the decision against his Lulu was the biggest bit of larceny since the Great Train Robbery. 1-28-44

"I'm glad you brought that up," said Chick bitterly. "My guy wanted to fight and the other guy just wanted to run. He ran like a thief all night long. If the ropes wasn't there youda found him gallopin' down Seventy-third Street with Jimmy Johnston chasin' him—in a high hat, too. He pulled a Rommel on us. That's what he did. Say, howja like that one? Pretty nifty, eh? Yeah, he knows nuttin but how to retreat. If we ever fight him again we'll demand that the ring is four feet square so he don't have no place to run to."

Angott was pretty much of a hit-and-run driver himself.

"No guy ever can hold Jack," he declared firmly. "The Beau just belts his way loose. And that goes for Sammy the Clutch, too. Fritzie Zivic was a cute bird in a clinch, but he didn't do no clinchin' with my guy. Beau started to paint him. You'd think he was in the paintin' business the way he brushed him up and down with that uppercut of his. The first thing you know Fritzie was yellin' to the referee for help. Can you imagine Fritzie askin' for help from a referee? Sammy the Clutch won't do any clutchin' with the Beau. If he holds my guy will break him apart."

It was a bloodthirsty thought, to say the least.

"Eggsackly," answered Chick. "But Beau is a bloodthirsty guy in a ring. He don't know nuttin but to keep punchin' until he mows down the other feller. Did I tell you about the time he's in a battle royal down in Georgia? Well, only one other fighter is left in the ring with him. So Jack goes after him until he knocks him out. Then he takes his blindfold off and he seen that it was his own brother. He had to give him half the money he won in order to square himself. Made about thirteen bucks that night."

One Visible Improvement

His rate of pay has increased more than slightly since the battle royal days even though his technique may not have improved too much.

"The Beau sure packs 'em in," remarked Chick happily. "And the way the millionaires and Park Avenue go for him is amazin'. Just the other day I get a call from a guy who's been British council in Iceland, one of them diplomats no less and he wants to buy tickets for the fight. I'm gettin' so contaminated—holy smokes, where did I get that word from—by society, I'll soon be buying a high hat for myself. 1-28-44

"The whole country's wild about Beau Jack. I get so many offers for fights that I just file 'em away in alphabetical order. I'm even too busy to answer the mail. I just turn everythin' over to a stenographer I got. The first day she asks me if I want to dictate the answers. Me dictate? Huh, I never done no dictatin' in my life. 'Just use your own judgment, kid,' I tells her, and that's the way we've been doin' business ever since."

It sounded a trifle on the haphazard side but, after all, that's about the way Beau Jack fights. He rarely knows when, as and if a punch is going to land. He just throws them endlessly. Sammy the Clutch is no set-up, Mr. Wergeles to the contrary, but a pretty clever operative with his fists.

If the Beau ever could fight with the fluent ease with which his manager talks, he'd have been hailed as a second Joe Gans or a second Benny Leonard long ago.

Columbia, S. C., State
March 22, 1944

First SC Negro Golden Gloves Tourney Opens

Charleston, March 21—Special—At the opening of the first annual Golden Gloves to be held in Charleston for Negroes an unexpected number of entries in three classes were weighed in for the contests that continued on Fraser field, President street, Tuesday night through Saturday night, March 25.

Amateur Negro boxers from South Carolina and bordering states in juvenile class of age limits from 11 to 15, in open and novice classes of weight limits from 112-175 pounds and over, have qualified under the rules and regulation of the AAU.

This Negro annual Golden Gloves is sponsored by the Charleston Playground department. Supervision is in charge of Edward Sommons, chairman, Negro committee on parks and playgrounds. Charleston trophies will be awarded winners and runners-up in each event of the three divisions. Not more than 20 bouts will be held on Saturday night. For the finals. Some of South Carolina's future champions are expected to finish in this first annual Golden Gloves to be held for Negroes in South Carolina.

Jack Decisions Costantino In Non-Title Bout

News-Birmingham, ala.

BY JACK HAND

NEW YORK—(AP)—Beau Jack has a win over Lulu Costantino and a healthy slice of a $43,161 melon to show for 30 minutes of work on Mike Jacob's first Madison Square Garden fight show of 1944 but his manager, Chick Wergeles, is screaming from the rooftops the familiar refrain, "we wuz robbed." The crowd of 14,876 detected no larceny. 1-8-44

When they counted up the ballots after the non-title 10-rounder between the New York version of lightweight champ and curly-haired Costantino it was discovered that Referee Eddie Josephs had voted for Lulu, eight rounds to two, and the judges, Bob Cunningham and Marty Monroe, had given the nod to Jack, five rounds to four, with one even.

Wergeles was disturbed, to put it mildly, that the referee had voted against his boy, Jack. He hastily drew up plans to hie the champ out of town, hinted that he already had signed for one such scrap and threatened to call off the Beau's Jan. 28 Garden date with Sammy Angott. Mr. Jacobs was not worried unduly.

Costantino, the New York East Sider who is the pride of the Johnston brothers, made the former Georgia shoeshine boy look bad as Beau missed his bobbing target time after time as much as three feet. The four to one underdog outsped the champ but he couldn't punch hard enough to offset the Beau who was always boring in, missing plenty, but always moving in and throwing punches. By The Associated Pres score sheet, Jack had the edge five to four, with one even. 1-8-44

After the scrap Jack said that Lulu was the fastest man he'd ever faced although he wouldn't rate him the best. The New York lad said he'd rate Chalky Wright and Bob Montgomery ahead of Jack and was looking for a return bout at 15 rounds with the title on the line.

Under conditions of the bout, both fighters had to come in over the 135-pound limit so that the Beau's crown would not be at stake. At 139 the champ found himself sluggish. Lulu, just out of the featherweights, weighed only 130 when he finished training and had to eat two hearty breakfasts before he could push himself up to 136 at the noon weigh-in.

BOARD REPRIMANDS BEAU JACK'S PILOT

Times - New York, N.Y.

Boxing Heads Warn Wergeles for His Strong Criticism of Referee Joseph

1-12-44

By JAMES P. DAWSON

Admonished to deliver to the State Athletic Commission any future criticisms he has to offer concerning the conduct of boxing in this State, Chick Wergeles, manager of Beau Jack, lightweight titleholder, yesterday was let off with a reprimand at a hearing of the commission which demanded an explanation of why Wergeles vehemently criticized Referee Eddie Joseph for his scoring of the recent Beau Jack-Lulu Costantino bout in Madison Square Garden.

Wergeles emphasized he intended no reflection upon Joseph's honesty when he ridiculed the referee's vote of eight rounds to Costantino and two for Beau Jack, in a battle the champion won on the votes of Judges Marty Monroe and Bob Cunningham. He insisted, however, that he questoned Joseph's competency on the fight in question.

Powell Upholds Wergeles

In this respect, Wergeles had support from a member of the commission. Dr. Clilan B. Powell, Negro member of the board, supported Wergeles' protest that Referee Joseph was incompetent in this particular battle.

Maj. Gen. John J. Phelan, chairman, maintained Joseph, one of the oldest referees on the commission list, has proved himself a competent and satisfactory official in past bouts. 1-12-44

Transportation difficulties were advanced by Wergeles as the reason Beau Jack arrived late at the Garden. A taxicab flat tire held up the party in Central Park, Wergeles said. He was reminded he will be held strictly to account if Beau Jack repeats the offense.

Wrestling Principals Warned.

Chairman Phelan announced adoption of more severe penalties for roughness in wrestling bouts, which have for years been regarded here as merely exhibitions. He has notified Buffalo promoters that actions of grapplers calculated to bring serious injury to a principal will draw penalties ranging from a $50 fine to the suspension of a license.

Tippy Larkin, Garfield, N. J., lightweight, and Bobby Ruffin, Long Island City, who aer to meet in a ten-round bout in Madison Square Garden Friday night were examined and Dr. William H. Walker found each boxer in excellent physical condition. Ruffin weighed 140¾ pounds and Larkin 140½. 1-12-44

Following the examination, Larkin and Ruffin went to Stillman's gym, where each went through a brisk workout.

BEAU JACK VICTOR OVER COSTANTINO

Times - New York, N.Y.

1-19-44

Defeats East Side Boxer on Points in Non-Title Bout Over Ten-Round Route

BRONX BATTLER TRIUMPHS

Manfro Gets Decision Over Amico in the Semi-Final—Foley and Guido Draw

By JAMES P. DAWSON

Beau Jack, Negro battler from Augusta, Ga., who is recognized in this State as lightweight king, defeated Charley (Lulu) Costantino of the East Side on points in a ten-round non-title bout at Madison Square Garden last night.

A crowd of 9,000 was present. The Beau weighed 139 pounds and Costantino 136. The referee was Eddie Joseph. Bob Cunningham and Marty Monroe were the judges.

Costantino's plans for a strictly defensive battle were upset before the starting gong's echoed. He tried to dance away from the Beau, keep him at bay with straight lefts. But Jack would have none of this. 1-19-44

The champion rushed in and hammered the body steadily with both hands in a succession of clinches. He was so intent on pounding Lulu's body that neither heard the bell ending the round.

The Beau Presses Attack

In the second Costantino was more successful with his skill, but the champion, opening the round with a vicious rush in which he plastered Costantino about the body with both hands, never stopped carrying the fighting. He missed many blows at long range and was held against fire at close quarters. 1-19-44

Twisting and turning and squirming as the maddened Beau rushed in tirelessly, Costantino discounted the force of the Beau's rushes in the third round and repeatedly made the champion miss with straight lefts to the face. Indeed, once, missing a rush, Beau almost plunged through the ropes.

Constantino was giving an impressive boxing exhibition early in the fourth until a left hook to the jaw almost floored him. Thereafter Lulu was on the defensive as Beau rushed him tirelessly.

Joey Manfro, Bronx welterweight, received an unpopular decision over Joe Amico, Philadelphia, in the six-round semi-final. Manfro's sustained and solid body fire counteracted Amico's shifty boxing in this struggle. Each weighed 141 pounds.

Pat Foley, Boston lightweight protégé of Johnny Buckley, made a distinct impression on the fans with his smashing showing in a six-round draw with Al Guido, Harlemite.

Making his first Garden appearance since undertaking a comeback, Foley slugged freely and willingly with his rival in a head-to-head struggle that pleased the onlookers.

Foley weighed 132 pounds, Guido 134¾.

An Astonishing Recovery

Knocked down three times and saved from a knockout by the bell ending the second round, Ham Wiloby, Jamaica, L. I., featherweight, staged an amazing recovery and knocked out Walter (Cabey) Lewis, Cuban, in the fourth round of their scheduled six-round battle.

Wiloby was floored for the counts of nine, seven and seven in the second round, came back spectacularly in the third and, in the fourth, knocked out Lewis with a solid right to the jaw.

Wiloby weighed 124¼ pounds, three more than Lewis.

Tommy Graziano, East Side middleweight, ruined the Garden debut of Baby Galento (Jerry Pittro), Chicagoan, in another scheduled six-round bout. Graziano knocked out Galento in 2:31 of the first round. Graziano weighed 153¼ pounds, Galento 148¼.

In an opening bout of four rounds Johnny Gebert, Valley Stream, L. I., won a decision from Jack Cunningham, West Side. Gebert weighed 127 pounds, Cunningham 125¾.

Armstrong Favored Over Willie Joyce

News-Bham, Ala.

6-2-44

CHICAGO —(AP)— Henry Armstrong, erstwhile "perpetual motion" of the prize ring and one-time featherweight, lightweight and welterweight champion, was favored to achieve the 11th straight win of his comeback career Friday night against Willie Joyce, of Gary, Ind. 6-2-44

The bout, scheduled for 10 rounds at Chicago Stadium, marks the third meeting of the pair. Joyce, former Golden Gloves fighter, won a decision in the first match last year, and Armstrong squared accounts in a return bout. The ex-triple title-holder expects to weigh in at 140 pounds. Joyce 139. 6-2-44

Williams and Hatcher Top Card Here Tonight

Post — Washington, D.C.

8-28-44

Ike Williams, 21-year-old Brunswick, Ga., lightweight now operating out of Trenton, N. J., makes an auspicious debut at Griffith Stadium tonight against Jimmy Hatcher in the 10-round main event of the Liberty Athletic Club's boxing show.

Williams, who carries double-barreled explosives in his two potent fists, last night was being quoted a 12 to 5 favorite over the Lake City, S. C. youngster who boldly predicts that he will turn in one of the outstanding upsets of the year by defeating Williams.

Williams' record is umpressive, showing only 1 defeat in 45 pro starts. After previously having swept 34 consecutive pro bouts, 17 of these on knockouts, he was stopped by World's Lightweight Champion Bob Montgomery in Philadelphia last January.

Ike since has made some of the best fights of his life while winning 10 bouts in a row, 6 of these on k. o. Decisions over Sammy Angott and Slugger White and knockouts of Joey Peralta, Joey Pirrons, Cleo Shans and Ellis Phillips are numbered among his performances of recent months.

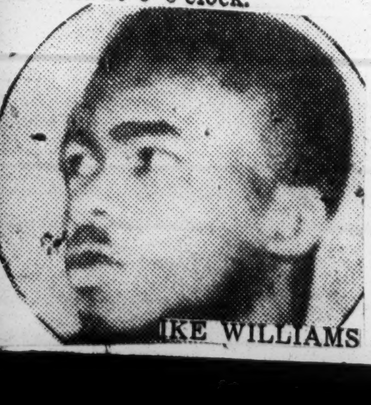
Hatcher was stopped by Williams in a Philadelphia bout in the summer of 1943. The bout was halted after the sixth round by the Commission's doctor due to Jimmy's cut eye.

"Ike Williams hit me with everything he had, yet I was never hurt at any time," Hatcher says.

The youngster has gone undefeated since receiving a medical discharge from the United States Coast Guard and insisted that he now is boxing better, and is in the best shape of his life. 8.28.44

Outstanding among the four prelim bouts of six rounds eac is the semifinal in which Bee Bee Washington, middleweight, takes on Billy, a highly regarded Baltimore boy. Other sixes offer Earl Trader vs. Al Rodriguez, Jimmy Bell vs. Earl Matthews and Bobby Brown ve. Bernie Miller.

The ticket sale for tonight's show moves to the ball park only this morning at 9 o'clock.



IKE WILLIAMS

Sam Langford to Be Guest at White-Dell'Orto Bout

Afro American — Baltimore, Md.

9-16-44

Sam Langford, regarded in many quarters as one of the ten greatest fighters of all time, will be guest of honor at the Arena Athletic Club's second boxing show, to be held Friday night at Carlin's Iceland, it was announced early this week. Langford, blind but no longer penniless, thanks to a fund raised for him by a special committee early this year, will be the guest of Luther (Slugger) White, popular local welterweight, when he tangles with Vince Dell'Orto (white) in the 10-round feature of the Friday night card.

Sam Langford

The Slugger, explaining his anxiety to have Langford present, although he won't be able to view the proceedings, told the AFRO that the great heavyweight had always been his idol. "I would have contributed to the fund for Old Sam if I had known about it in time," White declared, "but the news did not reach me out on the coast until it was too late."

White expects to finish off his training for the coming bout tomorrow (Wednesday) with very light drills scheduled for Thursday afternoon and evening. He said Monday that he does not intend to go into the scrap with Dell'Orto unprepared.

"I know Vince is a tough hombre," he declared. "Else he couldn't have run up a record like the one he shows. It takes a lot of stuff to knock over guys like Jackie Callura, Richie Lem, Phil Terranova, Ellis Phillips a Bobby Ruffin, and I know it. be foolish to go into the ring wi him in anything but my be shape."

9-16-44

Arena officials announced Monday that a second ring celebrity, Barney Ross, will also be on hand for the Friday affair. The former welterweight champion is down as guest referee for one of the early bouts.

Negro boxers win tourney at Rome

Los Angeles Tribune

12-25-44

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NEW YORK—American Negro fighters proved their prowess in Rome in the Mediterranean boxing championships as the Fifth Army and the Interallied North African Zone teams were tied after the finals. A wind-up bout, an international classic, will close the tournament, according to wireless report to the New York Times here, between Tech. Sgt. Robert Burnley of Philadelphia, a Negro, and a Frenchman, Marcel Cerdan.

Four Negroes, the only Americans winning, brought the Fifth Army four titles in the tournament. The French won three and the British one.

According to the report to the Times, the most sensational fight of the program was between Pvt. Junius Woods, of Buffalo, and a Frenchman, Ardelkader Addadaine, finalist in the Algiers tourney last winter and one of the most dreaded sluggers in the theatre.

"Giving Addadaine four pounds," the Times report read, "156 to 160—in the amateur middleweight class, the 24-year-old Engineer Corps star of the Tyrrhenian Zone team outfought him throughout despite the never-ending menace of the Frenchman's flailing right.

"But Woods weathered the heavier blows of his rival and peppered him so accurately in the final round that Addadaine was a beaten man and knew it."

Henry Armstrong Loses Unpopular Verdict To Joyce

Amsterdam News

New York, N.Y.

6-10-44

CHICAGO—In a close, hard-fought, ten-round match, Henry Armstrong, former triple titleholder, came out second best here Friday night at the Chicago Stadium in a feature contest with Willie Joyce, Gary, Ind., puncher, now fighting as one of the ring's top lightweight contenders. The veteran Armstrong was an 8 to 5 favorite and never stopped swinging from the opening bell to the end. However, he missed plenty and Joyce, fighting with skill, took an unpopular verdict that was booed by the crowd of 10,387.

6-10-44

Joyce and Armstrong had broken even in two previous matches and Joyce, prevailing in this, the rubber match, looked good in the intense heat that kept the attendance down and the fans who were on hand, in shirt sleeves. Armstrong was seeking his 11th straight win.

Hammering Hank forced the issue from the start, shooting punches from every angle. However, Joyce kept a long left jab in Hank's face as he back-pedaled and Armstrong tirelessly pursued him all the way. Most of his punches fell short or were wild. Joyce weighed 139 while Armstrong scaled 141¼. 6-10-44

The defeat was one of the four defeats Armstrong suffered since he returned to the ring two years ago.

ATTY. FERGUSON SUES CHAMP JOE LOUIS' WIFE

4-13-44

Chicago (ANP)—Songstress Marva Louis and the champ were sued last week for $1,520.50 by the man who served as their attorney in a suit back in '43.

Marva, now singing New York, is being suied by Atty. Henry C. Ferguson, who claims the fees are in arrears to the tune of $1,500 and that a debt of $20.50, which he advanced to Mrs. Barrow, is yet unpaid. The fees resulted from a suit which Ferguson fought against Bindley C. Cyrus, who sued the couple for $10,500.

The suit was settled for $2,500, and the case dismissed May 25, 1943. Ferguson contends that he did not get his $1,500 nor the $20.50.

What's Wrong With Ray Robinson? Army Is Mum

Afro-American, Baltimore, Md

NEW YORK — An air of mystery continues to surround the condition of Ray (Sugar) Robinson, ranking welterweight boxer, who turned up in Halloran General Hospital on Staten Island when it was supposed he was en route to England with the Joe Louis entourage, two weeks ago.

Ray Robinson

Many and varied have been the reports on Robinson but to date no definite and plausible answer has been obtained.

Since the Army announced that he was confined to the hospital, it has been rumored that Robinson was: (1) under arrest for fighting four MP's; (2) facing court martial for being AWOL; (3) under mental observation; (4) awaiting trial for jumping ship just before time for his embarkation with the Louis troupe; and (5) disqualified from the trip and ordered to the hospital for physical disability.

Army Won't Talk

Army public relations officers have refused to make any comment and Robinson has been denied the privilage of discussing the matter with newspapermen or friends. Except for one local daily columnist who claims to have interviewed him, Robinson has been permitted to see no one.

The report most generally accepted hereabouts this week is that Robinson was declared physically unfit to make the trip to England following his medical examination at Camp Sibert, Ala. Although he was advised he would be kept in this country, Ray was ordered to tell no one about the decision.

Accordingly, Robinson kept his tongue throughout the eight days he and Louis spent here prior to the latter's departure. No hint of the Army plan to detain Robinson in New York was given and it was not until the Bomber had been reported safely in England that it was disclosed Ray was confined at Halloran.

Details of a reported lapse of memory in which Robinson was discovered wandering around in a subway, are lacking and stories concerning the whole affair are too vague for an accurate accounting.

4-22-44

One question that is being asked rather widely is: If Robinson was fit for Army service and fit to accompany the group on its rigorous tour of American camps, what has happened to render him unfit for the European jaunt?

Another query wants to know: If the fighter is not "punchy" (a term used to describe boxers who have become mentally ill from too much punishment about the head) as the Army doctors insist, how can the subway interlude be explained?

It is rumored that Robinson frequently complained of headaches prior to his confinement at the hospital.

Dorazio Bout Oliver's Biggest Test to Date

Post Washington, D.C.

Dixie Lee Oliver, who has massaged rival chins for four consecutive knockouts and two decision victories here, reaches into the high society of heavyweight warriors tomorrow night when he meets Gus Dorazio, Philadelphia star, in a 10-round argument at Turner Arena.

It is Dorazio's first venture in a District ring since he smacked Al Hart to win the duke in 12 rounds at Uline Arena last winter.

Oliver must answer the question as to whether he can absorb punishment and out-last a rough, brawling campaigner like Gus.

Savage Body Puncher

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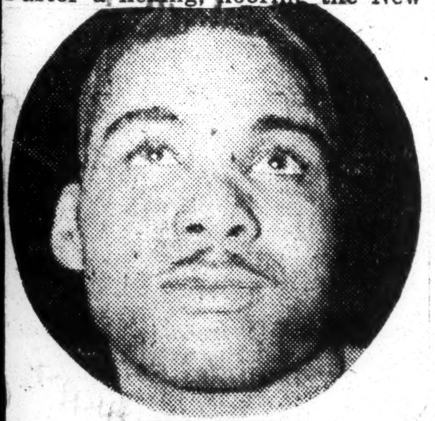
Dorazio still stands as the most savage body puncher in the big division, and he has ripped the ambitions of many young heavies in recent years. He handed Bob Pastor a licking, flooring the New York star, just as Bob was coming into his peak, and he also was the first heavyweight to puncture Joe Baksi, winning a decision over the Pennsy star who now is generally listed as the No. 1 civilian heavyweight.



DIXIE OLIVER

This is a fight that can make Oliver as a potential heavyweight star and he has worked his way into a keen state of condition for it.

The weaving, body-punching 200-pound Dorazio has fought all of the top heavyweights of recent years. When Billy Conn first invaded the heavy division he had Dorazio as his peak test. The Philadelphia Spoiler had Conn weak from his body thumping offensvie, and only Billy's brilliant natural boxing skill carried him through.

Sugar Ray's Dilemma . . .

Robinson's Race Pride Keeps Him Idle When He Could Be Fighting

Journal + Guide — Norfolk, Va.

9-2-44

NEW YORK—Ray (Sugar) Robinson, considered by critic and fan alike as the greatest fighting machine boxing has known, pound for pound, since the days of Joe Gans, is still idle. Sugar Ray, honorably discharged from the Army is busy playing with his softball team on the playgrounds and park diamonds here in Harlem. Outwardly he is happy. Down inside him however, he aches to be in there punching and seeing his victims fall.

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WHITES ARRANGED AGAINST HIM

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JOHNSTON LIKES RAY

Johnston is sold on Robinson. He knows Ray is the greatest fighter to come around since Joe Louis came charging out of Detroit back in 1933. Johnston is prepared to go all the way with Robinson. But Robinson still persists in his dream of an all-Negro set-up which he can head.

In the Robinson front office is George Gainsford, his manager of record and trainer. It was Gainsford who took Robinson from the amateurs and developed him into the man who cut down Sammy Angott, Henry Armstrong, Jake LaMotta, California Jackie Wilson, and every welterweight in captivity only to get the run-around from the champion, Red Cochrane, who drew the color line to hold the championship.

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And it might be added that Johnston isn't capitalizing on his friendship with such writers as Dan Parker of the Mirror, Ed Van Every of the Sun, Stanley Woodward of the Herald Tribune, Jim Cully of the Daily News and others to "run Robinson into" him. Instead, Johnston has been trying to reason the matter out with Ray. Thus far he has gotten nowhere.

Inside Story on Why Ray Robinson Isn't Fighting

Afro American — Baltimore, Md.

9-2-44

By **DON DELEIGHBUR**

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From that time on, Robinson found himself at odds with the Broadway fight mob. You see, in this town, when you make money fighting or in the night life racket, somebody's got to make money with you. Robinson wanted to establish an all-colored set-up—trainers, sparring partners, lawyers, publicity men, and on down the line.

He figured rightly that as a saleable attraction he could make a sizeable fortune for himself and at the same time, give members of his race a chance to make a few dollars. The white boys didn't figure that way, however. They started taking pokes at Robinson in the press and after his unfortunate joust with Henry Armstrong, Robinson was snatched into the army.

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Beau Jack Gets His Honor

World - Memphis, Tenn. 8-22-4

"The uncrowned lightweight champion of the world." That's the way Fort Benning, Georgia buddies of Private Sidney Walker, the Fighting Beau Jack of fistana, feel about their ring idol since his defeat of Bob Montgomery in a ten-round bout at famed Madison Square Garden in New York City. The "Bob Cat" who holds the world lightweight championship, was plastered with left hooks, bolo punches, and uppercuts by Beau Jack, but the fight was a non title go. Beau Jack won the decision and increased prestige as a fighter. Montgomery retained his title, and Uncle Sam collected a total of $35,864,000 on war bonds, admission price to the fight. Montgomery is stationed at Keesler Field, Miss.

8-22-44

Brig. General William H. Hobson, Post Commander of Fort Benning, congratulates Beau Jack during an old-fashioned jamboree given in his honor by the 2nd company, 1st Battalion, Special Training Unit, Reception Center, last Friday night, August 11. Lieutenant Harbert Gruber, company officer, who made arrangements for the party, is shown center, facing camera. (U. S. ARMY SIGNAL CORPS).

Boxing

BILLY ARNOLD

Sirs:

As a boxing fan, I heartily approved your story on Billy Arnold. As a boxing writer; and more particularly as director of the Diamond Belt and Middle Atlantic A. A. U. Boxing Championship Tournament, I think it noteworthy that Billy served his ring apprenticeship in the 1943 tournament rather than that "he got into a fight . . . in Philadelphia's Franklin High School."

Billy is not the only boxing member of the Arnold family. His younger brother Jetson, 17, fought as a sub-novice 126-pounder last winter and won the class championship. Currently he is campaigning as a 135-pound candidate for top honors in the Diamond Belt Tournament, sponsored by The Philadelphia Inquirer Charities, Inc. Many who have seen the two Arnolds pick Brother Jetson as the better prospect.

JOHN WEBSTER

Philadelphia, Pa.

THE ARNOLD BROTHERS

Beau Jack Gets Rousing Welcome On Return To Fort Benning

World - Memphis, Tenn.

8-22-44

COLUMBUS, Ga.—(SNS)—

Private Sidney Walker, (Bouncing Beau Jack) returned to his classes in the Special Training Unit of Fort Benning's Reception Center last week fully determined to master "Private Pete" as he had his old-time rival, Bob Montgomery, king of the lightweights, a week earlier in New York's famed Madison Square Garden, but "a recess" had been called from his studies long enough for his buddies of the 2nd company, 1st Battalion, to welcome him back to the "campus." Beau was given a rousing good time in the form of a jamboree. 8-22-44

The affair, carefully planned by company officers with the assistance of cadremen, was held last Friday evening as an outdoor party in order to accommodate the maximum number of attendants.

General William H. Hobson, Post Commander, joined with Colonel John P. Edgerly, commanding, the Reception Center, and his Special Training Unit staff, to acknowledge the feat of the 23-year-old ring gladiator as a symbol of American youth fighting on the war fronts of the world.

"It's a great deal of distinction be a champion at things worthwhile," General Hobson asserted. "I am sure Beau Jack would fight a Jap or a German with the same spirit he fights in the ring....and would win too." 8-22-44

The General's tribute to Beau came after a crown had been placed on the fighter's head to express the sentiment among his comrades that he's their champ.

"I crown you in the name of your company, the Post, and the United States Army," General Hobson said as he placed the diadem on Beau Jack's head. A thunderous applause greeted these words.

Unaccustomed to speechmaking, the congenial little fighter replied by giving the spectators a thrill as he demonstrated his boxing skill on the punching bag. 8-22-44

Other features of the evening included music by the Reception Center orchestra, a jitterbug contest, vocal selections by a company quintet, and a comedy skit by Sergeant Leroy Threadgill, master of ceremonies, and Edward R. Montgomery, both of the Visual Air Section. Everybody was served refreshments, tapered off with ice cold watermelon.

Beau Jack and the "Bob Cat," the latter now taking his basic at Keesler Field, Miss., donated their services to the 5th War Loan Drive. Nearly sixteen thousand fight lovers contributed a total of $35,864,000 in war bonds to make this bout the greatest ring drawing card in history.

GI Beau featured left hooks, bolo punches, and upercuts to pile up an early lead over Montgomery. Although Bob's lightweight championship was not at stake, he had to practically yield everything except the title. To date, the two fighters have met four times in Madison Square Garden, and have won two victories each. Beau Jack dropped the title to Montgomery during the first of this year.

8-22-44

Beau Jack and Bob Montgomery, in contributing all their services to the country's cause, followed in the footsteps of another great Negro fighter, world heavyweight champion Joe Louis. The Brown Bomber, now somewhere in Italy on a boxing exhibition tour, contributed to both the Army and Navy Relief Funds. Louis and his party appeared at Fort Benning January 3rd of this year.

Says Jack Johnson Should Get Same Breaks as Jack Dempsey, Tunney

Call - Kansas City, mo.

8-11-44

By DON DeLEIGHBUR

NEW YORK. — The hefty, smooth-black, laughing man with the tam, sat on a fireplug on East Forty-seventh street in Chicago the other week and chewed the fat in droll conversation with a half dozen or so old-timers who hung onto his every word with unfeigned interest and as if they were listening to an oracle. It was after 3 o'clock in the morning and the blackness of the Chicago night was softened by the street lights on this famous business thoroughfare in the heart of the teeming South side, and by the twinkling dazzle of the neons, impelling invitations to come in this bar and that tavern for liquid pleasures, for music, for companionship of pretty women. The old-timers, however, wanted none of that. The companionship of the man wearing the tam was enough.

Jack Johnson Is Hold Over

"I'm doing all right," the hefty-smooth-black laughing man said, his mouth flashing an ivory grin.

It was Johnson who the night before the historic encounter with Jeffries, fired his white manager who had allegedly fixed the fight, and announced in the ring the next day to Jeffries, "better go for yourself, Jeff."

The reason that Jack Johnson is officially ostracized by the game in which he made his fame, is that he married a white woman. That alone was and still is enough to condemn him in the eyes of the white world and to gain him disfavor in the eyes of his own people [illegible]. As a fighter champion, the heavyweight ranks will probably never know a genius of the caliber of that Port Arthur, Texas, giant who cut down the massive James J. Jeffries, that sweltering day at Reno, Nevada. 8-11-44

The way I look at Johnson's marriage is this. He married a white woman. What of it? He showed his manhood and his preference by making the ties sacred through holy wedlock. Through the years Jack has loyally remained with his wife and she with him. On that score what man has a right to criticize? There are thousands of white and black marriages going on every day in this broad land of ours.

Roscoe Toles, Marine Private First Class, Started Out To Be Minister, Ended Up Boxer

Journal + Guide — Norfolk, Va.

10-14-44

By SGT. L. A. WILSON

CAMP LEJEUNE, N. C.—Marine Pfc. Roscoe Toles, a top-ranking world heavyweight contender stationed here believed and said during early youth: "No prize-fighting for me! I am going to be a minister."

You are inclined to believe this quiet, yet straight-forward Marine. There is a stamp of honesty about him that came from devout religious training.

He continued, with a hint of humor: "When I was a boy, I didn't like to fight. My father was confident that some day I would preach the word of God. In fact, the folks back home in my community thought the same thing. You see, I was dutiful about attending church and Sunday school. Everybody was amazed years later to learn that I was a fighter."

Toles was born on a farm in Strata, Ala. While still a youngster he moved to Newton Falls, Ohio. Later, he was employed in a steel mill. The maneuvering of huge steel ladles in the foundry helped condition him for a boxing career.

DONNED THE GLOVES

Probably, Toles would be the pastor of some large congregation now, if he hadn't moved from Alabama to Ohio. There he met his cousin, lightweight New England Champ, Ted Barnes. Toles became an ardent follower of Barnes. Whenever and wherever his cousin fought, Toles was there. Seated near the ring, he observed closely every feint made, every punch his cousin delivered. This trouping together about the country continued for months. Gradually, as the fighting fever gripped Toles, his youthful ambition to become a minister faded. He donned the gloves.

10-14-44

Bobby Kincaid, light heavyweight, was slated to fight one night in Monroe, Mich. Toles went to the ringside as a spectator. At the time Bobby had a good record. For some inexplicable reason Kincaid's contender failed to appear. Toles volunteered to substitute and was accepted.

"I had to borrow everything from shorts to shoes that night for my first fight," Toles said.

KINCAID GOES DOWN

Fifty-four seconds of the first round were fast and furious. In the fifty-fifth second, Toles gave everything in a lightning streaked right cross. It connected, Kincaid went down. He was out for the count.

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"At first, I was surprised. I thought Bobby was playing 'possum. But it took twenty minutes of first aid attention to revive Kincaid," he said. "If I hadn't gotten him in the first round, it probably would have meant curtains for me."

From that first fight with Kincaid, Toles has risen to become a serious contender for the world heavyweight championship. He has fought 80 fights; won 73. He defeated the rugged, experienced Arturo Godoy four times in South America, fighting in Argentine, Brazil, and Chile. One match with Godoy in South America resulted in a draw. Twice Toles won decisions over Godoy in the States. While in South America, Roscoe met and defeated heavyweight contender, Alberto Lovell.

SPLIT WITH PASTOR

In two battles with cycling heavyweight Bob Pastor, Roscoe won one decision and lost one.

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He subdued Maxie Rosenbloom and Hary Thomas in Detroit, 1937. He kayoed Gus Dorazio in the sixth frame of a 10 round bout.

Toles thinks his regular, civilian manager, Everett Watson, real estate manager, of Detroit, and New York, is tops. The fighter hopes that after the war, he will be able to go back and realize the great ambition of his life now—to meet the "Brown Bomber."

Contrary to common opinion here at Montford Point, Roscoe Toles was not a Joe Louis sparmate. He did, however, appear against Joe in an exhibition match.

LOUIS RINGWISE

In commenting on the "Brown Bomber" as a fighter, Roscoe said:

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"Joe Louis probably won't have the zip and zest of former years after the war, but he will still be an experienced, ringwise champion."

Toles has been on active dut in the Marine Corps nin months. He is assigned to cam recreation. Leathernecks here are proud of him as a personable individual, and as a promising heavyweight champion.

Times-Herald Claims It Can't Get Ring Ban Lifted In D. C.

Journal + Guide — Norfolk, Va.

12-23-44

By LOUIS LAUTIER

WASHINGTON, D. C. — The Washington Times-Herald, published by Mrs. Eleanor Patterson and closely allied with The New York Daily News and The Chicago Tribune, is impotent to get the District of Columbia Amateur Athletic Association to lift its ban against colored boxers participating in the Golden Gloves boxing tournament.

At least, that is the representation that Mrs. Patterson and members of her staff have made to individuals and organizations which have protested against the exclusion of colored boys from the tournament.

But the paper showed its potency when several members of the Metropolitan Amateur Boxers' Trainers Association set up a boycott of the Golden Gloves boxing tournament. It proved sufficiently influential with the District A. A. U. to have that body censure the boxing coaches who had dared to advise their charges not to enter the tournament.

A motion, duly made and seconded, declared that the District A. A. U. "considered the action taken by this group of Metropolitan Amateur Boxers' Trainers' Association detrimental to the best interest of amateur boxing."

That motion was merely a show of power. The next move was really a broadside aimed at driving from amateur sports those coaches who had dared to criticize the method of conducting the tournament. A second motion provided:

"Only members of active member clubs of the Amateur Athletic Union, public institutions, and members of the armed forces shall be permitted to enter any amateur boxing tournament held in the District of Columbia."

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Hit Those Favoring Mixed Amateur Bouts

The effect of this motion is to bar from the Times-Herald's Golden Gloves boxing tournament Pete's A. C., coached by John Kennett; Lew Hanbury A. C., coached by Lew Hanbury, Sr., and the Apollo A. C., with which Billy Blake is identified. Blake is the chairman of the boxing committee of the District A. A. U., and was favorable to mixed amateur boxing.

Individuals and organizations, white and colored, which have approached the publisher of The Times-Herald and her representatives about lifting the ban against colored boxers in the Golden Gloves have contended that if the paper really wanted the bar removed it had sufficient influence with the District A. A. U. to have it done.

Say Efforts Fruitless

Representatives of the paper have retorted that it had no more influence with the District A. A. U. than any other organization and that its efforts to have the ban removed had proved fruitless.

The local Golden Gloves boxing tournament is sponsored by the Times-Herald Welfare Association, of which both white and colored newsboys are members. In order to conduct the tournament the association must receive a sanction from the District A. A. U. That organization has used its sanctioning power to impose its ban against colored athletes.

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Across the back of the sanctions it grants it writes:

"The Registration Committee of the District of Columbia Association of the Amateur Athletic Union does not sanction mixed racial competition or exhibitions in any sport under its jurisdiction.

"Accordingly, this sanction is granted with the distinct understanding that there will be no interracial competition on the program for which this sanction is given. Any infraction will result in suspension of the athletes involved and refusal of further sanction to the sponsoring organization."

A similar prohibition is written across the back of a sanction granted to a colored organization to prevent it from permitting white boys from competing under colored auspices.

Joe Louis, the heavyweight champion of the world, was a product of the Golden Gloves tournament. When he made his debut in the sub-novice class in Detroit in 1933, he was knocked down in the first round. After four trips to the canvas the bout was stopped. Yet, two years later, he was a Golden Gloves champion and from there he went on to win the world's heavyweight title.

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If he had been living in the District of Columbia, the capital of the Nation, he would not have been allowed to enter the Golden Gloves and the man who is rapidly becoming a boxing legend would probably have ended in oblivion.

Governor names Norman O. Houston

Tribune — Los Angeles, Calif.

12-18-44

Notified by the TRIBUNE that he had received the appointment, Norman O. Houston, local insurance executive, became this week the second Negro in the United States to hold membership on a State boxing commission.

In his home atop so-called "Blueberry Hill," Mr. Houston said that while he had talked with Governor Warren by long distance telephone about the appointment, he had not been notified that it had been made. Confirmation was received the following day in the Governor's announcement that Mr. Houston will succeed Jules Covey, present chairman, whose term expires Jan. 1.

NORMAN O. HOUSTON

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The appointment climaxes a campaign, waged principally by the TRIBUNE, to secure Negro representation on the commission. In articles and letters to the Governor, the TRIBUNE has argued that particularly since Negroes dominate the California boxing picture, they should be represented on the commission. The appointment is the second important office given a Negro by Governor Warren, the first being his naming of Walter L. Gordon, Berkeley lawyer and former University of California All-American, to the State Parole Board.

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Mr. Houston's appointment follows by almost a year the appointment of Dr. C. B. Powell, New York City publisher, to the New York State Boxing commission. Dr. Powell's position, however, is salaried. California boxing commission members receive no remuneration.

Mr. Houston, secretary-treasurer of the Golden State Life Insurance co., is a native Californian, born in San Jose. He was educated in the Oakland public schools and at the University of California. A lieutenant with the 92nd Division in World War I, he was four times commander of the Ben Bowie Post of the American Legion and has two sons in the present conflict, Norman Jr. with the 92nd in Italy, and Ivan in Burma. He has one other child, a girl. He has been married twice and lives with his second wife at 2211 S. Hobart blvd.

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Co-organizer of the Golden State, he has served as secretary-treasurer since 1925.

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CEDAR RAPIDS' GOLDEN GLOVES NOMINEES

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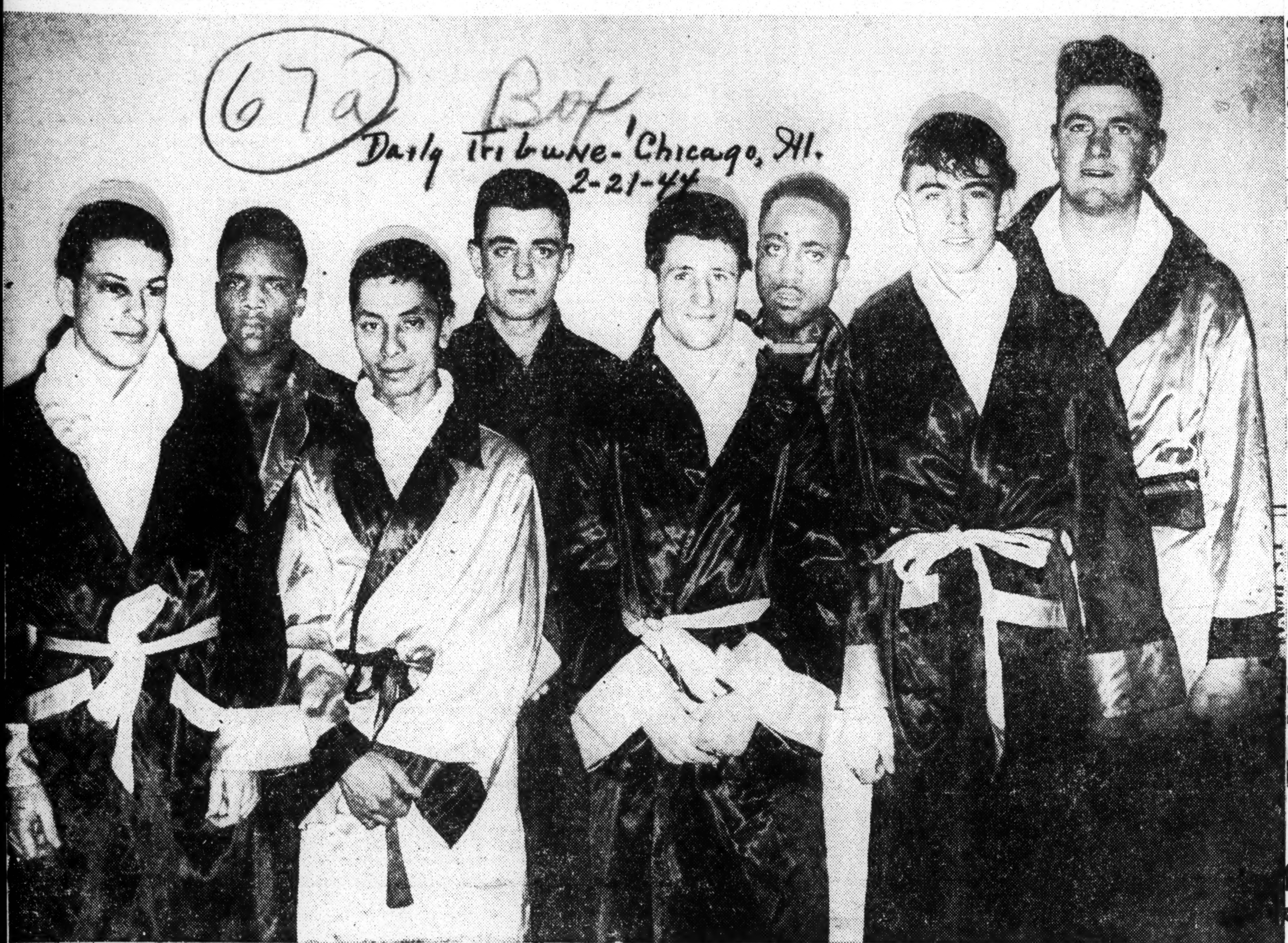
Daily Tribune - Chicago, Ill.
2-21-44



Cedar Rapids (Ia.) boxers will be among those present when action starts in the Tournament of Champions at the Chicago Stadium on the night of Feb. 28. Nominees crowned in a tournament conducted by the Cedar Rapids Gazette shown above are (left to right): Johnny Watrous, Des Moines, 112 pounds; George Ware, Cedar Rapids, 147 pounds; Ike La Soya, Dubuque, 118 pounds (repeating champion, semi-finalist in 1943 Chicago Tournament of Champions); Louis Stoll, Monticello, 160 pounds; Del Cockayne, Des Moines, 126 pounds (defending champion); George Prince, Des Moines, 175 pounds; Dave Lindner, Des Moines, 135 pounds, and John Ehrhardt, Elkader, heavyweight (defending champion).

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Beau Jack First To Top 3 Garden Cards in Month

Constitution - Atlanta, Ga.

3-28-44

By FRITZ HOWELL.

NEW YORK, March 27.—(AP)—With Beau Jack, New York's ex-king of the lightweights and Georgia's ex-bootblack, it isn't a case of reign or shine.

The ever-busy Beau has held the fistic title twice, and has lost it twice, but he's definitely in the dough and need never whistle those shoeshine boy blues again.

Friday night Beau battles Juan Zurita, Mexican-born lightweight ruler, in a Madison Square Garden 10-round non-title scrap. It marks the first time that a fighter ever has appeared in three main events in the Garden in a single month, a record made possible by the war's prior claims to fistic talent.

On March 3 Beau lost his New York version of the lightweight laurels to Bob Montgomery, before a crowd of 19,066 which paid $111,954. Two weeks later he gave Welterweight Al (Bummy) Davis, of Brooklyn, a bad beating, before a $132,823 crowd of 19,963.

Friday's affair is expected to attract a gate of between $75,000 and $100,000, boosting the Beau far over the quarter-million mark as a March money magnet. The ex-bootblack, father of three and who only recently learned to read and write, figures to take down about $120,000 as his share for the 30 days. 3-28-44

The Zurita fight also will hike Beau Jack's Garden gate for 13 main events above the million-dollar figure, his first dozen fights in the big Eighth avenue arena atracting $947,477, an average of $78,956.

TOPPED ONLY BY LOUIS

No fighter, except Heavyweight Champion Joe Louis, has ever drawn such gates in the Garden. Beau's the only lightweight ever to be a principal in three $100,000 shows there. 3-28-44

Only four years ago Beau Jack, then known as Sidney Walker, was shining shoes in an Augusta, Ga., golf club. He may be shining shoes again son—his own—despite all that dough, for he's due for Army induction before long.

Beau Jack Passes Army Physical With Flying Colors

Post - Washington, DC
4-19-44

Fort Benning, Ga., April 18 (AP). Beau Jack, former lightweight boxing champion, passed his pre-induction physical examination here today and chose Army service.

Called up by his Augusta (Ga.) draft board under his true name, Sidney Walker, the Negro boxer weighed in at 146, 11 pounds over fighting trim. After being accepted for general Army service, he said:

"This is going to be the biggest fight of my life, and I'm going to punch with both stfis, just as I have in every fight." 4-19-44

Beau Jack, who fought his way up from a shoe shine boy at the Augusta National Golf Club to the lightweight title, lost the New York version of the championship to Bob Montgomery. He recently defeated Juan Zurita, NBA champion, but the fight was a non-title affair.

The boxer said he would return to Augusta to await call for induction. His boxing plans in the interim are doubtful, he explained pending a talk with his manager

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The Facts in the Case of Ray Robinson . . .

PM - New York, N.Y.

This is by way of straightening out the buzz-buzz you've been reading—but mostly hearing—about Harlem Ray Robinson, the slick flash who is Sgt. Walker Smith in Army records.

A couple of weeks ago someone told me—

¶ That Robinson had jumped ship just as his boxing troupe—led by Sgt. Joe Louis—was ready to shove off overseas and that he had gone AWOL. 4-16-44

¶ That Robinson had been soundly beaten by four MPs, arrested and thrown in the jug at Fort Jay, Governors Island.

¶ That Robinson had beaten up four MPs when they tried to arrest him when his leave papers weren't in order.

¶ That Robinson—who didn't know his own name at the time—was found wandering in the subway when he should have been England-bound and had been taken to a veterans' hospital.

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The facts, as I've been able to gather them from Robinson himself, his closest friends and the Army public relations men are something else again, as is usually the case in things like this.

For the record, Robinson now is at Halloran Hospital in Staten Island, **under medical observation. He never has been under arrest, therefore never was AWOL. He beat up no one. No one beat up him.**

All of the stories had their origin in the fact that Robbie turned up in sick bay on Governors Island while his boxing troupe was known to have left this country. The big conclusion-jumping started immediately. 4-12-44

To go back to the beginning, Robinson was stationed for a six weeks toughening course at Camp Siebert, Alabama, along with Joe Louis, George Nicholson and the rest. There, too, they took their injections for overseas service and were given final physical checkups.

During Robinson's physical, he was found to be unfit for overseas assignment and was disqualified. He was ordered to say nothing about his being unable to make the trip with the rest, on the Army theory that loose lips *do* endanger ships in convoy. With the Army, it's no theory.

Robinson came North with Louis and the rest and, as it later developed, was found wandering in a subway uptown even before Louis's group shoved off. What was wrong with Ray isn't yet known—that's why he's now under medical care.

He complains of severe headaches and has been kept well-needled at Halloran. He told close friends that one of his eardrums is

punctured. That's why, he thinks, he was marked unfit for the trip to England, where Joe and all the rest of the soldiers in that convoy, recently showed up safely.

That's not what's bothering him though. He's greatly concerned over being marked lousy, as they say on Jacobs Beach, in the press and in common gossip.

Public relations men on the island apparently understand his feeling because the mystery of why the Army greeted all questions concerning Robinson with "no comment" was cleared up the other day when a statement was issued which said in effect: 4-16-44

"The Army could say nothing about Sgt. Robinson being hospitalized, for security reasons, until Joe Louis and the other soldiers were safely at their destination."

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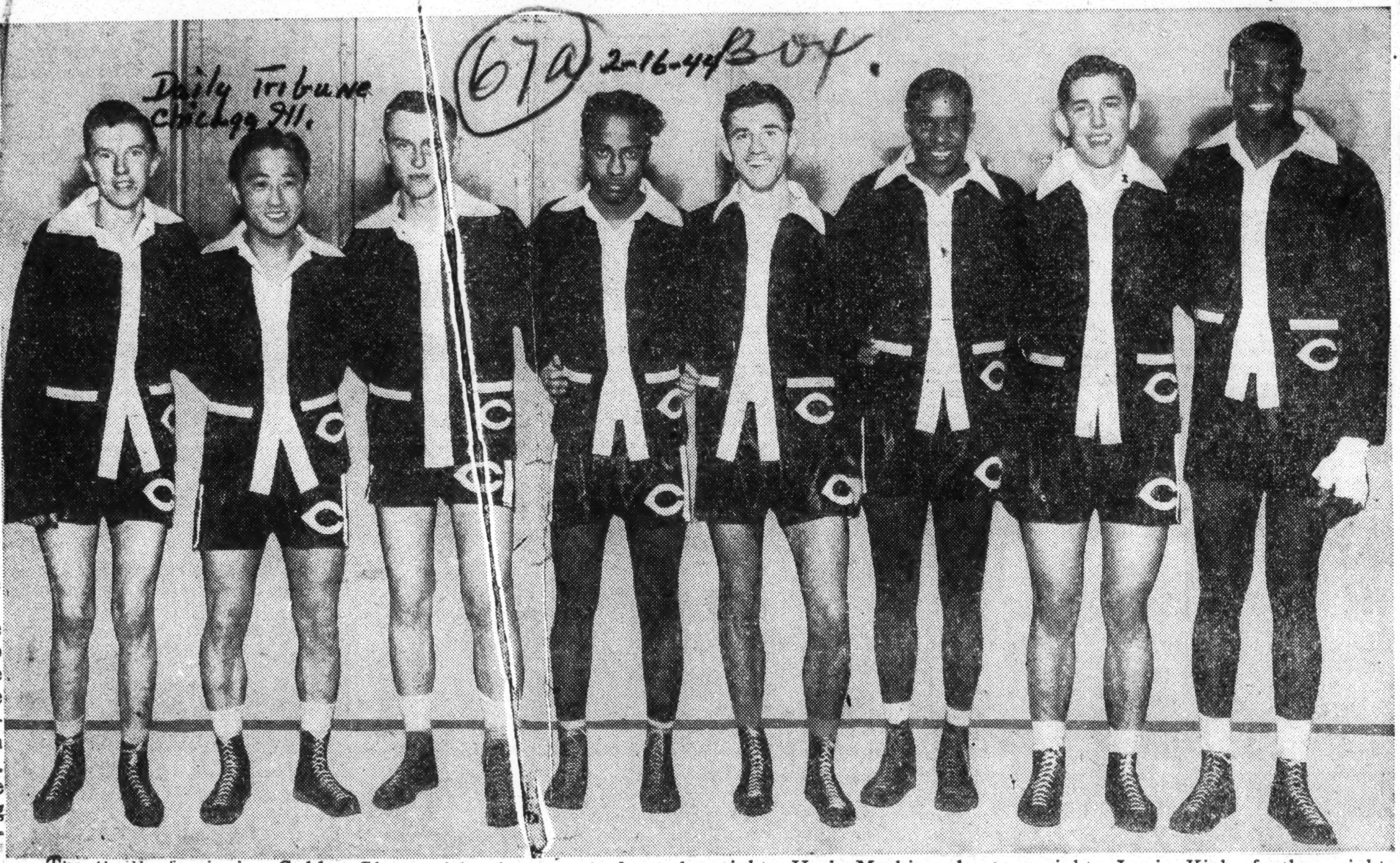
Maybe Robinson's subway interlude will call for further explanation. On the other hand, his actions might be understandable in the light of what we know now—that he had been disqualified for the trip overseas with Louis.

But the thing that strikes me about it all is that the lithe Negro who, pound for pound, was the best boxer in the country when he went into the Army, proved himself a pretty good soldier, too, when he was told to keep his mouth shut.

And that he did, even while he was being vilified as everything from a whacked-up pug to a deserter facing courts-martial.

—JOE CUMMISKEY

CHICAGO'S CHAMPIONS CAN SMILE, TOO


Daily Tribune Chicago Ill.
67a 2-16-44 BOX.

The thrill of winning Golden Gloves titles is measured on the happy faces of these sturdy lads who will represent Chicago in the Tournament of Champions in the three nights of competition starting Feb. 28 in the Stadium. This is how they looked after battling to victory Monday in Marigold Gardens. Left to right: Jack Boyd, flyweight; Herb Mashino, bantamweight; Louis Kick, featherweight; John Brattan, lightweight; Harry Sparrow, welterweight; Collins Brown, middleweight; Charles Kucharz, light heavyweight, and Luke Baylark, heavyweight. 2-16-44

BEAU JACK IS HELD TO DRAW BY ANGOTT

Times
New York, N.Y.
1-29-44

Lightweights Finish on Even Terms in Non-Title Bout Over Ten-Round Route

GATE RECEIPTS AT $75,000

Tommy Yarosz Gets Verdict Over Reddick—Kendrick Outpoints Kirsch

By JAMES P. DAWSON

Beau Jack, Negro battler from Augusta, Ga., fought ten rounds to a draw with Sammy Angott of Washington, Pa., in a non-title bout at Madison Square Garden last night.

The Beau, who is recognized in this State as the lightweight champion, weighed 138 pounds. Angott, the titleholder of the National Boxing Association, scaled 140.

A crowd of 18,000 was present with gate receipts estimated at $75,000. 1-29-44

Carl Waite, former Rutgers and Georgetown football star, conducted a four War Bond loan drive from the ring before the principals squared off in the main bout.

Starting with the modest bid of $25 for a bond, Auctioneer Waite carried the buyers in the huge crowd through a succession of bids that ran the scale to $75,000, at which figure a pair of overstuffed souvenir boxing gloves was knocked down.

Fullam Referees Bout

The referee was Frank Fullam. The judges were Marty Monroe and Charlie Draycott.

It was Angott who leaped in with the first lead of the battle, a long, solid left to the stomach that landed fair and sharp. Angott did the leading for the rest of the round, too, spearing Jack with long lefts to the head and face and an occasional right to the head.

At close quarters Angott locked Jack's right arm and pumped his own right to the body as Jack worked a left to the head. Near the end of the round Angott crossed a grazing right to the jaw.

In the second round the Beau demonstrated why he wasn't rushing pell-mell at his foe. He had a feeling, apparently, that he could knock out Angott, and, as Sammy kept leading with lefts and rights to the body and head, the Beau kept trying to land a solid right or left to the jaw. Jack succeeded with a sharp right to the jaw midway of the round and near the end of the session almost upset Angott with a terrific left hook to the jaw.

Jack cut loose somewhat in the third and outpunched Sammy at long range. Jack twice almost upset his foe with long lefts late in the fourth, after repeatedly outjabbing Angott and utilizing every chance to pound the body at close quarters.

Angott's fire was less reliable in the fifth and Jack worked furiously, particularly at close quarters. Jack hammered rights and lefts at a furious rate to the head and body until Angott was forced to hold. Jack was the aggressor in the sixth. The Georgian twice cracked his right to the jaw in a looping overhand swing that made nAgott hold. 1-29-44

Tommy Yarosz, Monaca, Pa., light heavyweight brother of Teddy who used to be world middleweight champion, gave a sparkling exhibition of boxing skill in winning the decision over Joe Reddick, Paterson, N. J., in their six-round battle.

Yarosz won every round, spearing his foe at most exclusively with a darting left jab that completely upset Reddick's plan of attack. Yarosz weighed 164½ pounds, Reddick 158¾ pounds.

Harlem Boxer Triumphs

Bill Kendrick,. Harlem light heavyweight, hammered his way to a decision over Nick Kirsch, Baltimore, in their six-round bout. Kendrick weighed 171¾ pounds, Kirsch 168.

Russell Baxter, Newcastle, Pa., light heavyweight, scored his fourteenth victory in fifteen professional ring battles when he carried off the award over Billy Walker, Portland, Ore., in a four-round tilt. Baxter weighed 164 pounds, Walker 162.

In the opening bout of four rounds Charlie Smith, Newark lightweight, received the award over Max Gonzales, Puerto Rico. Smith weighed 131¾ pounds, Gon1zales 136.

BEAU JACK DEFEATS DAVIS IN 10 ROUNDS

Times- New York, N.Y.
3-18-44

Augusta Boxer Wins Verdict From Brownsville Rival in Garden Ring

EAST SIDE FIGHTER WINS

Alvarez Hits Hard to Outpoint Lello in Semi-Final—Kogon Victor Over Phillips

By JOSEPH C. NICHOLS

Beau Jack, Augusta (Ga.) Negro boxer, defeated Al Davis of Brownsville on points in the feature ten-round bout at Madison Square Garden last night.

A crowd of more than 19,000 filled the arena. Beau Jack weighed 138 pounds, Davis 142½. Billy Cavanagh was the referee and the judges were Joe Agnello and Frank Forbes.

Jack threw a left and right to the head in the first round and stepped into two left hooks that almost shook him. The Negro quickly recovered and forced the going sending both hands to the head.

In the second Davis landed several lefts, sending punches to the head and body alternately. Jack retreated through most of the session, and managed to land only one good punch, a left to the head.

Jack plastered Davis all over the ring in the third, taking the Brooklyn boxer's best punches and returning two hands to the head. He almost dropped Davis with a left hook to the head late in the round. 3-18-44

In the fourth they traded left hooks to the head, with Jack landing the sharper and more frequent punches. They milled toe-to-toe through the fifth, trading punches willingly.

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LIGHTWEIGHTS SQUARING OFF AFTER WEIGHING IN YESTERDAY

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Times- NewYork, N.Y.
4-1-44

Beau Jack (left) and Juan Zurita at the State Athletic Commission headquarters

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BEAU JACK DEFEATS ZURITA ON POINTS

Times-NewYork, N.Y.

Augusta Boxer Wins Verdict From Mexican Rival in Non-Title Encounter

4-1-44

HARLEM BOXER TRIUMPHS

Guido's Sharp Rights Subdue Phillips in Semi-Final—Wiloby Beats Puig

By JOSEPH C. NICHOLS

Beau Jack of Augusta, Ga., outpointed Juan Zurita of Mexico City, lightweight champion recognized by the National Boxing Association, in a non-title ten-round bout at Madison Square Garden last night.

A crowd of 15,000 was present. Beau Jack weighed 136 pounds, Zurita 133¼. Frank Fullam was the referee and the judges were Marty Monroe and Jim Hagen.

Zurita sent several rights to Jack's head in the first round. The latter puzzled by his rival's switch in stance from the orthodoz to southpaw, was unable to land accurately with his long right.

Zurita jabbed rights to the head in the second, but Jack rushed him and landed a short right to the jaw. At close range Beau shook the Mexican with two rights to the body. 4-1-44

They held for the greater part of the third, each seeking to pin the other's arms. What little success that was scored was enjoyed by Jack, with rights to the head.

In the fourth Zurita sprayed Jack with lefts to the head. The latter puzzled, missed frequently, but did land a right to the jaw late in the session that shook Zurita.

Jack forced the going in close quarters in the fifth, throwing both hands to the body while Zurita did little but hold.

Again in the sixth, the Mexican did little but hold while Jack swarmed over him, throwing punches to the body steadily.

Beau Jack Best Draw for 1943

Afro-American
Baltimore, Md.
1-1-44

Bobcat Second Among Lightweights Burning Garden Turnstiles

NEW YORK—Sidney Walker, lightweight, known in ring circles as Beau Jack, was the biggest drawing card for Mike Jacobs at Madison Square Garden during the year fast coming to a close.

The ex-Georgia caddy has drawn $481,415, and 111,397 customers, for an average of $80,236 and 18,566. Bob Montgomery drew $71,045 and 15, 542 in three fights.

Beau Jack topped the list in a non-title bout with Henry Armstrong which drew $104,976, and was a principal in five of the 10 largest gates.

Got More Losing Title

Beau Jack drew $96,873 with Montgomery when he lost his title, and $94,500 recently when he regained the crown from Montgomery. He pulled in $71.860 with Fritzi Zivic in March as against $70,291 one month previously. The Bobby Ruffin-Beau Jack box office appeal attracted only $43,429.

In four fights, Zivic drew $187,858 and 58,991 of the fans, an average of $46,965 and 14,748. Montgomery drew $71,045 and 15,542 in three fights, and Sammy Angott, NBA lightweight champ. $157,146, for averages of $71,045 and 15,542.

The Chalky Wright-Phil Terranova , featherweight scuffle drew only $19,421. The Cleo Shans-Ruffin setto attracted $15,809, and the Veenie Vines-Zivic tangle $15,979. 1-1-44

NEW YORK — Beau Jack and Sammy Angott, holders of the two shares in the world lightweight title, will meet in a 10-rounder here in Madison Square Garden January 28, but it won't settle the lightweight tangle as it will be an over-the-weight match.

Jack's end of the bauble is okayed by the N.Y. Athletic Commission. Angott is blessed by NBA. Jack will tune up in a 10-rounder with Lou Costantino in the Garden on January 7. The Beau will make the first defense of his crown against Bob Montgomery in late February or early March.

Armstrong Replaces Perry In Davis Bout

Post- Washington, D.C.
5-27-44

New York, May 26 (AP).—Henry Armstrong, who once held three world boxing titles at the same time, will oppose Al (Rummy) Davis of Brooklyn for 10 rounds or less in Madison Square Garden June 9. Armstrong replaces Aaron Perry, young Washington (D. C.) welterweight whom he knocked out Monday night in the Capital. 5-27-44

Earlier in the day, the Twentieth Century Sporting Club announced that Willie Pep, New York featherweight king, and

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NBA Lightweight Champion John Zurita has agreed to a 15-round nontitle bout in the Garden June 16.

ARMSTRONG TO START BOXING DRILLS TODAY

Tribune
Chicago, Ill.
5-27-44

Henry Armstrong opened training in the Ringside loop gymnasium yesterday afternoon for a 10 round bout with Willie Joyce in Chicago Stadium next Friday. The former triple champion did light exercises and will start boxing drills today by going three or four rounds with Torpedo Reed, his lightweight sparmate. Reed likely will meet Robert Earl, former city Golden Gloves 135 pound title holder, in a six round preliminary event on next week's card.

Armstrong, making his first Chicago appearance since stopping Everett Rightmire in 1938, appeared in good condition following his sixth round technical knockout of Aaron Perry in Washington, D. C., on Monday. Joyce also was scheduled to arrive yesterday, but was delayed and probably will not reach town until today. 5-27-44

George Moore, Armstrong's manager, said he agreed yesterday to have Henry meet Al [Bummy] Davis in Madison Square garden June 9.

Sale of Tickets to Armstrong-Davis Fight Is Enjoined by State Athletic Commission

Times- New York, N.Y.
5-28-44

The New York State Athletic Commission, through its chairman, John J. Phelan, yesterday enjoined Promoter Mike Jacobs from advertising the proposed bout between Henry Armstrong and Al Davis, which Jacobs had planned to promote in Madison Square Garden on June 9.

In a telegram to the promoter, Phelan ordered Jacobs to "give no further publicity or permit the sale of tickets" to the fight. The battle was announced as having been signed on Friday, over the ten-round route.

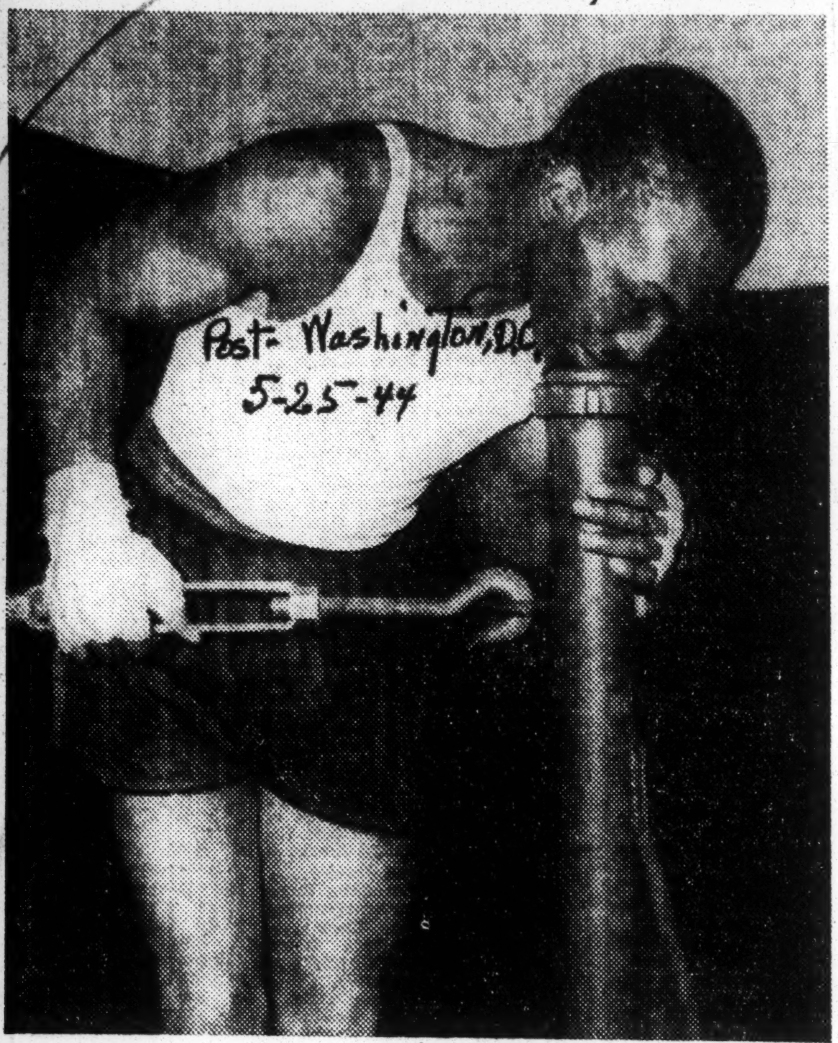
Armstrong last appeared in this city on Aug. 27, 1943, when he was decisively trounced by Ray Robinson, Harlem welterweight now in the Army. After that fight Armstrong announced his retirement from competition. But the retirement, the second of Armstrong's career, did not take, and he returned to the ring last winter, piling up a good string of performances which was culminated by his knocking out Aaron Perry, 18-year-old "sensation," in Washington, last Monday.

Armstrong has always been in the good graces of the commission, but his prospective opponent, Davis, has not. He was suspended permanently by the board for fouling Fritzie Zivic in November, 1940, but the bar was lifted last winter. Since his return to good standing, Davis has boxed regularly, his one-round knockout triumph over Bob Montgomery being one of the highlights of the local season. Davis also appeared against Beau Jack in the Garden, and was outpointed in a ten-round contest. 5-28-44

In his telegram to Jacobs, Phelan said further: "The announcement relative to the date for the bout (between Armstrong and Davis), was without authority of this commission as no action had been taken on your request to hold the contest.

The matter is likely to be ironed out satisfactorily at the next meeting of the board, scheduled for Thursday.

Mollis' Own 'Blarney Stone'



Post- Washington, D.C.
5-25-44

Legend has it that it is lucky to kiss Ireland's Blarney stone. Tommy Mollis has his own ideas. Never defeated in Washington, he regards the ring here as his own particular good luck piece. Tomorrow, "Old Tawm" goes into action against the hard-punching Rocky Graziano, New York welterweight. The "experts" say Mollis will be kayoed. Mollis says he has other ideas.

Graziano, Mollis End Heavy Drills for Bout

Rocky Graziano, slashing welter from New York, and Prof. Tommy Mollis yesterday steamed through final heavy workouts and are coming to the line in sharp shape for their 10-round clash tomorrow night, which tops Promoter Joe Turner's popular-priced, initial card of the outdoor season at Griffith Stadium.

The two welters form the city's second feature of the new outdoor season, which is expected to be the most successful in the history of biffing in Washington. It is a timely match, because of Graziano's two brilliant performances here recently, when he stopped Bobby Brown and Freddie Graham, and Mollis' neat record of nine successive triumphs in the District.

It is a boxer-slugger duel, with most observers inclined to believe the ripping Rocky can wear down the veteran smartie from Baltimore.

Big Action Awaits Winner

Big-money action awaits the winner, as Graziano feels he can establish himself as a hot box-office name here and Mollis, with his smart maneuvering and superb sharpshooting ability, believes he can outclass most of the welterweight top-flighters. Promoter Turner and Matchmaker Babe Menendez are dickering in the welter market for headliner individuals to fight tomorrow night's survivor, including Al "Bunny" Davis. 5-25-44

Rocky has a gfeat record as a hitter, having stopped 17 opponents in 29 fights. It is the best record any Gotham youngster can show at the moment, and he's rated second to Davis as a welterweight in the big burg.

Mollis will pit his unlimited ring science against the slashing Gothamite, and it is expected to be a tense duel. Old Professor Tom was great to watch the night he dusted off George (Red) Doty here. However, Granziano is dangerous with both hands, whereas Doty was easier to handle because he is merely a right-hand belter.

A strong set of prelims, designed by Menendez, is headed by a middleweight semiwindup of eight rounds featuring the New Orleans star, "Mad Anthony" Jones, who meets Warren (Hercules) Powell, of New York. Jones has whipped the crafty Cocoa Kid and only recently gave Holman Williams a rocky night. The latter was awarded a split decision over him, but Jones is howling that it was wrong. The New Orleans puncher had Williams out on his feet in the eighth round, but the latter's experience enabled him to ride out the storm.

Unbeaten in 29 Fights 5-25-44

Freddie Russo, N. Y. featherweight, who is unbeaten in 29 fights, meets Johnny Cockfield in a special six-rounder. Russo knocked out Lee Q. Murray, jr., here recently and has since won seven out of 10 rounds from Mike Belloise, former world's featherweight king. Bobby Gunther, Detroit lightweight, is matched with George Johnson, touted Boston youngster, for a six, and an opening four has Otis Watson boxing Lou Phillips.

Tomorrow night's bill is at the popular price range of $1.30 to $3.90 ringside, and 10,000 seats are available at the two lowest prices at the ball park.

ARMSTRONG KO'S SAVERIO IN 7TH

Defender- Chicago, Ill. 2-5-44

By WILLIE B. HARMON

KANSAS CITY, Mo. — Henry Armstrong, triple title holder, stopped Saverio Turiello in a seven-round knockout Tuesday night, Jan. 25.

According to old-timers in the boxing game the Armstrong-Turiello fight was the largest professional drawing card to come to Kansas City in 20 years. The crowd of 9,372 which paid $14,864 at the Municipal auditorium exceeded the crowd which saw Joe Louis fight here.

Turiello came back after three knockdowns by Armstrong but the fourth time was unable to recover from a barrage of blows to the head and body.

Armstrong took the measure of his foe in the first round. Turiello slashed through with a couple of blows to Armstrong's head which drew blood from the ex-champ's left ear. Armstrong maneuvered his man to the ropes and rocked him. Armstrong began throwing punches all over the place in the third and fourth rounds. Turiello was being slammed around from every angle. He was wabbly when the bell rang. 2-5-44

In round five, Turiello landed a couple of blows while Henry countered with a half dozen which sent Turiello through the ropes. Armstrong followed through with stiff lefts and rights which landed on the white fighter's head.

Armstrong missed a right to the jaw in the sixth but backed Turiello into the ropes. Turiello went into a crouch to protect himself. Many customers left for home in round six and did not see the knockout which came after two minutes and one second of the seventh round. Armstrong and his manager, George Moore, left here for Washington, D. C., where Henry fights on Feb. 7.

Now Blind and Penniless

Afro-American
Baltimore, Md.
1-22-44

SAM LANGFORD,

one of the greatest pugilists of all time, pictured as he sits in a lonely Harlem bedroom, sightless and poor. Practically forgotten by the modern generation, Langford has been hailed as the finest fighter in the history of the ring. Today, when boxers who couldn't carry his glove are making small fortunes in the ring, Langford is eking out an existence on the few dollars a month he receives from a foundation for the blind.

Armstrong Favored 4-1 Over Nick Latsios

News- Bham, Ala 6-21-44

WASHINGTON — (AP) — Henry Armstrong, the former triple title-holder who just keeps rollin' along the comeback trail, takes on a promising but untested youngster, Nick Latsios, in a 10-round feature bout Wednesday night.

Hammerin' Henry ruled about a 4-1 favorite to flatten the Alexandria, Va., Greek-American, now a soldier stationed at nearby Bolling Field. 6-21-44

Armstrong, fresh from his two-round knockout of Al (Bummy) Davis in New York last week, has gone through only one training session for the Latsios contest.

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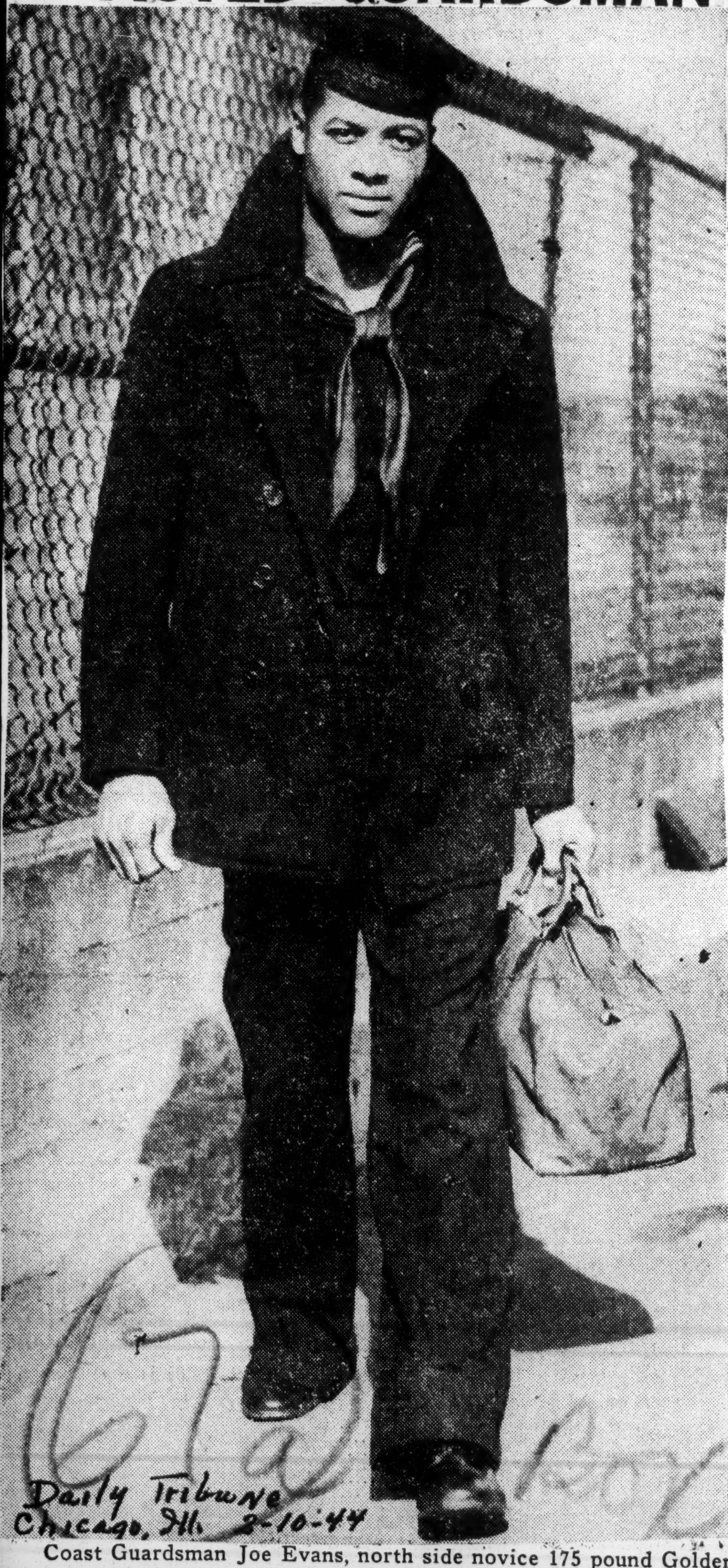

Daily Tribune
Chicago, Ill. 2-10-44

Coast Guardsman Joe Evans, north side novice 175 pound Golden Gloves champion, leaves his station on Streeter dr. and the Chicago river for training in the C. Y. O. gymnasium. Evans, who hails from Detroit, Mich., won two of his three bouts in the north side sectional tournament on knockouts and will continue his quest for a city championship when the north side and south side teams meet in Marigold Gardens next Monday night.

2-10-44

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Boxing

White Sports Writer Continues Blasts On Recent Ring Decisions

Daily World-Atlanta, Ga.

2-4-44

Ed. Note: This is No. 2 in a series of boxing stories concerning the attitude of white persons towards Negro boxers and how they are sickening as Negroes beat the white boxers on nearly every outing.

Don DeLeighbur, crack NY sports writer, told readers earlier this week that whites were getting tired of Negro boxers beating their lighter skinned foes, and cited the past two Beau Jack bouts as evidence pointing in that direction. This is his story on the Jack-Angott fight which was declared a draw by white ring officials:

I gave Beau Jack the fight on a basis of five rounds, one round for Angott, the first, four heats even. This opinion was agreed with by many sports writers who felt that the similarity of styles left little to choose from.

Both are clumsy awkward fighters, with the experience and craftiness going to Angott. Beau Jack, showing more reserve and caution than before in any of his previous fights, did not throw his usual stream of punches, looking for an opening before he let loose with a torrent of leather. Angott was the same clinching, holding, unorthodox Angott and the fight was thus poor from a spectator's standpoint since Beau did all the chasing. Angott took round one with hit and run tactics in which he hopped in with left hooks and swinging rights and bouncing away for the first two minutes of the fight. Beau scored with fast jobs and a left hook on Sammy's jaw at the bell. Jack won round two when Angott did a lot of clinching and took solid shots to the head, including a loud, resounding wallop to the noggin that knocked Angott back on his haunches. Both took solid blows in brisk exchanges in the third, and the Georgian pummelled his man with right counters and uppercuts to the heart. 2-4-44

The fourth round showed little activity as they wrestled off the ropes. Jack staggered the NBA champion with a right cross, but took several jabbing rights to the head which neutralized the activity in his heat. The fifth was Beau's, Jack outfighting Angott in one torrid exchange and connecting with a right uppercut after Angott missed with the same type of blow. Jack grabbed the sixth round, staggering Angott with a left hook and later with a terrific right to the jaw. So similar was the style, both fighters frequently connected simultaneously. Angott was back-pedalling most of the fight. Beau Jack carried the fight to him in the seventh and weathered the storm in the exchanges. Angott's best blow of the round was a right cross to the head. Sammy slipped to one knee in the eighth as Jack swung with a right, then Beau slipped and fell backwards. They got up and hugged each other like long-lost brothers and Angott scored a right uppercut and many left hooks to the body as Beau fought back with a series of vicious jabs to the head.

Angott ran like Paul Revere in the ninth as Jack speared him with two right chops and then measured him with a right cross, one of his best blows of the fight. Jack kept after him swinging many blows, including a right hand bolo, connecting frequently.

The 10th went to Beau Jack as a left to the jaw almost knocked Angott out. The Georgia boy, however, didn't know what to do and the clever Angott weathered the storm. From a spectator's standpoint, the fight was bad for the eyes since Angott isn't pleasing to the eyes in any kind of fight against any opponent. He spoils good fights and Beau Jack was no exception. Before the fight, Abe Greene, president of the NBA, and Gen. John J. Phelan, chairman, and Commissioners C. B. Powell and D. Walker Wear took steps toward clearing up the lightweight muddle. There was much high-pressure speechmaking by Chick Wergeles, manager of Beau Jack and much double-talk by the General all of which resulted in papers being signed in a tripartite agreement wherein the lightweight division will produce a single titleholder on May 26. Charley Jones, Wergeles, and Frankie Thomas of Philadelphia, manager of Angott, Beau Jack and Bob Mongomery, former lightweight champion, respectively, put their John Henry's on the note. Jack and Monty had prior claim on a title match owing to an agreement made before their return fight last November and they will fight for the 135-pound crown on March 31. The winner then will take on Angott on May 26. Both bouts will be for 15 rounds at 135 pounds and will be promoted at the Garden by Mike Jacobs.

2-4-44

The fact that the draft board has been breathing heavily on Beau Jack's neck and may snatch him off for a uniform in the army was not apparently under consideration. If Beau goes to the army, then the agreement will involve Montgomery and Angott and possibly, the former triple-title holder, Henry Armstrong, who has launched his third comeback attempt. Meanwhile, the fact that officials are yielding to some apparent pressure or urging to quit giving so many decisions to colored fighters is being watched with great interest all over the country.

Bob Montgomery Reported Too Tired to Defend Crown

Courier-Journal - Louisville, Ky

3-11-44

New York Group Wants Angott-Montgomery Scrap To Go On, Orders Latter In for Physical Checkup

By FRITZ HOWELL.

New York, March 10 (AP)—Something new was added today—another twist—to the already snarled lightweight fistic title situation.

It appears that Bob Montgomery of Philadelphia, who won the N.Y.-N.J.-Penn. version of the crown just a week ago from Beau Jack, the Augusta, Ga., shoe-shine boy, is "too tired to defend his laurels for a while."

The script called for the Jack-Montgomery winner to meet Sammy Angott March 31 in a title scrap in Madison Square Garden. Sammy, until Wednesday night, held the N.B.A. championship, but Mexican Juan Zurita took it away from him in a Hollywood 15-rounder.

But New York's boxing commission said today it wanted the Angott-Montgomery fight to go on. Promoter Mike Jacobs said the same thing. Charley Jones, Angott's pilot, insisted. Frankie Thomas, handling Montgomery's affairs, however, said his boy wasn't feeling well, that he was very tired from training and making weight for three recent scraps and that he couldn't be ready for a date with Angott.

QUICK LOOK

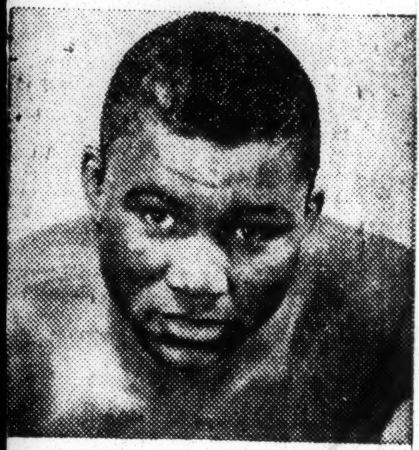
3-11-44

The commission, desiring a quick look at the ailing Montgomery, ordered him to appear Tuesday for a physical checkup. Manager Thomas was told to come along.

Thomas, in a phone conversation with Jacobs, said he didn't feel compelled to go through with the fight since the match was originally scheduled as a favor to Beau Jack, who thought he was going to beat Montgomery a week ago. The Beau is due for the Army soon.

Jones, in a telegram to Jacobs and the commission, said Angott was ready to go at a moment's notice, and that he would be in shape.

"You went ahead with the



Bob Montgomery

'Too Tired' to defend title.

Beau Jack-Montgomery fight two weeks after Bob was knocked out by Al Davis, so I don't see why Angott should be sidetracked because he lost to Zurita," Jones wired. "We expect you to go through with the fight as scheduled." 3-11-44

In the meantime, Jacobs had all kinds of lines out trying to get a big attraction for March 31 — last fight date before the circus moves into the Garden — if the Montgomery-Angott clash blows up.

BEAU JACK'S PILOT CALLED BY BOARD TO BACK CRITICISMS

Times-New York, N.Y.

1-9-44

Wergeles Summoned to Explain on Tuesday His Comments After Costantino Fight

CENSURED BOUT OFFICIALS

Commission Also to Ask Why Titleholder Reached Garden Late for the Contest

By JAMES P. DAWSON

Chick Wergeles, who acts as manager of Beau Jack, world lightweight champion, must appear before the State Athletic Commission on Tuesday to explain a number of things as an aftermath of the ten-round, non-title fight last Friday night in Madison Square Garden in which the titleholder gained a close decision over Lulu Costantino, East Side challenger.

Among the things Wergeles will be asked to explain are:

1. Some highly critical comment he delivered immediately following the fight concerning the vote of the three bout officials. Wergeles was particularly critical of Referee Eddie Joseph, who voted Costantino the winner, eight rounds to two. He also had a few things to say about Judges Marty Monroe and Bob Cunninghom, whose score showed Jack the victor, five rounds to four, with one even. 1-9-44

2. Why Beau Jack arrived at the Garden late for the battle.

Incensed Over Outburst

Incensed over the outburst by Wergeles and irritated further by a telephone call he said he received from Wergeles early yesterday morning in which the manager made his own protest to the commission, Maj. Gen. John J. Phelan, the chairman, dispatched the following telegram to Wergeles:

"You are directed to report at the office of the State Athletic Commission on Tuesday, Jan 11, at 1 P. M."

Chairman Phelan, revealing he had summoned Wergeles, made no secret of the purpose of his peremptory wire.

"Wergeles made some serious statements regarding the commission's staff of referees and judges immediately after Beau Jack's fight with Lulu Costantino," said Phelan. "Not only that, but he had me on the telephone early this morning with a long conversation concerning one of our referees, Eddie Joseph.

"Another thing, Wergeles violated one of our cardinal rules Friday night when he failed to have Beau Jack in the Garden on time. It is one of our inflexible regulations that preliminary fighters must be on the scene not later than 7:30 o'clock the night of a fight and main bout principals must be present not later than 8 o'clock. The object of this rule is obvious. We must protect the public against last-minute emergencies. Beau Jack did not present himself at the Garden Friday night until 8:10 P. M., and when I queried Wergeles he was evasive in his answers 1-9-44

Thinks Call Advisable

"I just thought it advisable to have Wergeles appear before the commission, where he can submit any criticisms he has to make about our officials, and at the same time explain why he ignored one of our important rules."

Wergeles, announcing immediately following the Costantino bout that he planned to withdraw Beau Jack from a non-title bout against Sammy Angott, National Boxing Association champion, scheduled for Jan. 28 in the Garden, was a mollified fight manager yesterday when he appeared at the Twentieth Century S. C. offices of Promoter Mike Jacobs to pick up the Beau's check, amounting to about $12,000. Jacobs met Wergeles' threat with the bald reminder that contracts for the Angott bout had been signed and were on file with the commission. 1-9-44

At his office yesterday Wergeles acknowledged receipt of the wire summoning him to a hearing before the commission and professed curiosity about the object of the summons. "I was a little hot-headed with some of the things I said last night, but I was excited then," said Wergeles. "I am still amazed, however, at Referee Joseph's score for Costantino."

Assuring Promoter Jacobs that he will fulfill the Angott bout contract, Wergeles said Beau Jack will rest for a week here, foregoing his customary post-battle visit to his home in Augusta, Ga., and added the champion will be prepared to resume training on Jan .17 for the Angott battle.

May Challenge Beau Jack

Meanwhile, Charley Johnston, manager of the Costantino, satisfied that Costantino established himself as a legitimate lightweight title challenger in the battle against the Beau, is considering the advisability of appearing before Tuesday's commission meeting, fortified with a $2,500 forfeit check, to hurl a challenge at the Beau for a championship battle. Jack is committed by contract to make his first defense of the title against Bob Montgomery, Philadelphian, from whom he regained the crown last November. 1-9-44

Costantino, elated with his showing against the titleholder and with his largest purse, about $8,000 for his most important ring engagement, plans a short rest before resuming his ring career.

Montgomery Meets Jack In Title Match

Advertiser — Montgomery, Ala.

3-2-44

Half Of Crown At Stake In Friday Night's 15-Rounder

NEW YORK, March 1.—(AP)—Half the world's lightweight fistic championship, which has bounced around as erratically as a football since late in 1942, gets another kick Friday night.

The newest item in the snarled situation, a 15-rounder in Madison Square Garden, brings together Sidney (Beau Jack) Walker, the former Augusta, Ga., bootblack who holds the New York, New Jersey and Pennsylvania version of the laurels, and Bob Montgomery, the Philadelphia and Sumter, S. C., lad.

Once before Beau Jack had the title but Montgomery took it away from him. Then Beau Jack took it back. They've been in there against each other for 30 rounds, with honors even. Customers aggregating 36,209 paid $191,373 to see 'em do it, and Promoter Mike Jacobs says Friday's "rubber" match will draw more than $90,000.

While Monty and Beau have been doing their title-trading, the other half of the championship has been held by Sammy Angott, of Washington, Penn., who has the blessing of the National Boxing Association.

In keeping with the rest of the setup, Angott isn't recognized as champion in his home State of Pennsylvania. And neither Monty nor Beau has been able to win recognition back in the State of his birth—South Carolina and Georgia, respectively.

Here's what caused it all:

Dec. 19, 1941, Angott took title from Lew Jenkins. 3-2-44

Nov. 13, 1942, Angott relinquished title and retired.

(Here the N. B. A. and New York-and-affiliated commissions agreed on a tournament to name a new champ. New York finally decided a 16-man elimination would be endless and decided to give the nod to the winner of a Larkin-Beau Jack scrap.)

Dec. 18, 1942, Beau Jack kayoed Larkin. New Jersey joined New York in recognizing the "Beau." N. B. A., aghast, refused to go along.

Five months later Angott decided on a comeback, and N. B. A. decided to recognize winner of his first fight. Angott slugged "Slugger" White out of there in jig time in Hollywood, getting N. B. A. crown back. New York, New Jersey and Pennsylvania said "No," declaring Beau was the boy.

May 21, 1943, Montgomery outpointed Beau Jack in 15 rounds, winning New York-New Jersey title.

Nov. 19, 1943, Beau Jack outpointed Montgomery in 15 rounds, winning New York-New Jersey-Pennsylvania title.

March 3, 1944, Beau Jack and Montgomery meet again at 15 rounds for New York-New Jersey-Pennsylvania title.

March 31, 1944, Angott, with N. B. A. crown, and winner of Beau Jack-Montgomery third encounter, with New York-New Jersey-Pennsylvania title, meet at 15 rounds in Garden. 3-2-44

From the latter match will emerge the undisputed and universally approved champion—unless it's a draw. Every one hopes that Angott, if he wins, won't decide to retire again. The fans can't stand another of those merry-go-rounds.

BEAU JACK NOW IN 1-A

Times-New York, N.Y.

Boxer's Draft Status Changed by Board in Augusta

3-16-44

AUGUSTA, Ga., March 15 (AP)—Beau Jack, the Augusta bootblack who fought his way to a brief tenure as the world lightweight champion (New York version), was reclassified to 1-A by his Draft Board today.

The board announced the change in Jack's status under his true name, Sidney Walker. The fighter is married and his three children.

Al Davis and Beau Jack, who meet in the star bout of ten rounds at Madison Square Garden tomorrow night, concluded their training yesterday. Each boxer worked at Stillman's Gymnasium, Davis stepping three fast rounds against Sidney Miller and Jack boxing a total of six rounds with Jack Leamus, Tiger Nelson and Joe Gallucci opposing him for two rounds each.

Davis, signed to make no more than 144 pounds for the scrap, was well under that limit at the end of the training session, scaling 142½. His handlers hope to keep him at that figure for the weigh-in at the New York State Athletic Commission offices at noon tomorrow. Jack's weight was announced at 137. The latter continues to rule the favorite, at odds of 5 to 9.

3-16-44

Bobcat Takes Upset Decision Over Beau Jack

News-Birmingham, Ala.

3-4-44

BY TED MEIER

NEW YORK—(AP)—From crowned to crown in two weeks is the latest chapter in the fight story of Philadelphia's Bob Montgomery.

Knocked out in the first round by Al "Bummy" Davis on Feb. 18, Monty bounced back Friday night to win a split 15-round upset decision over favored (8½ to 5) Beau Jack and regain the New York version of the lightweight title. It was their third title bout. Montgomery first won the title last May and lost it to the Beau in a return 15-rounder in November.

A crowd of 19,066 that contributed to a gross of $111,954—the largest indoor take since Heavyweight Champion Joe Louis last appeared in Madison Square Garden — saw Monty regain his lost prestige by thrice having the Beau in a bad way and apparently on the verge of a knockout.

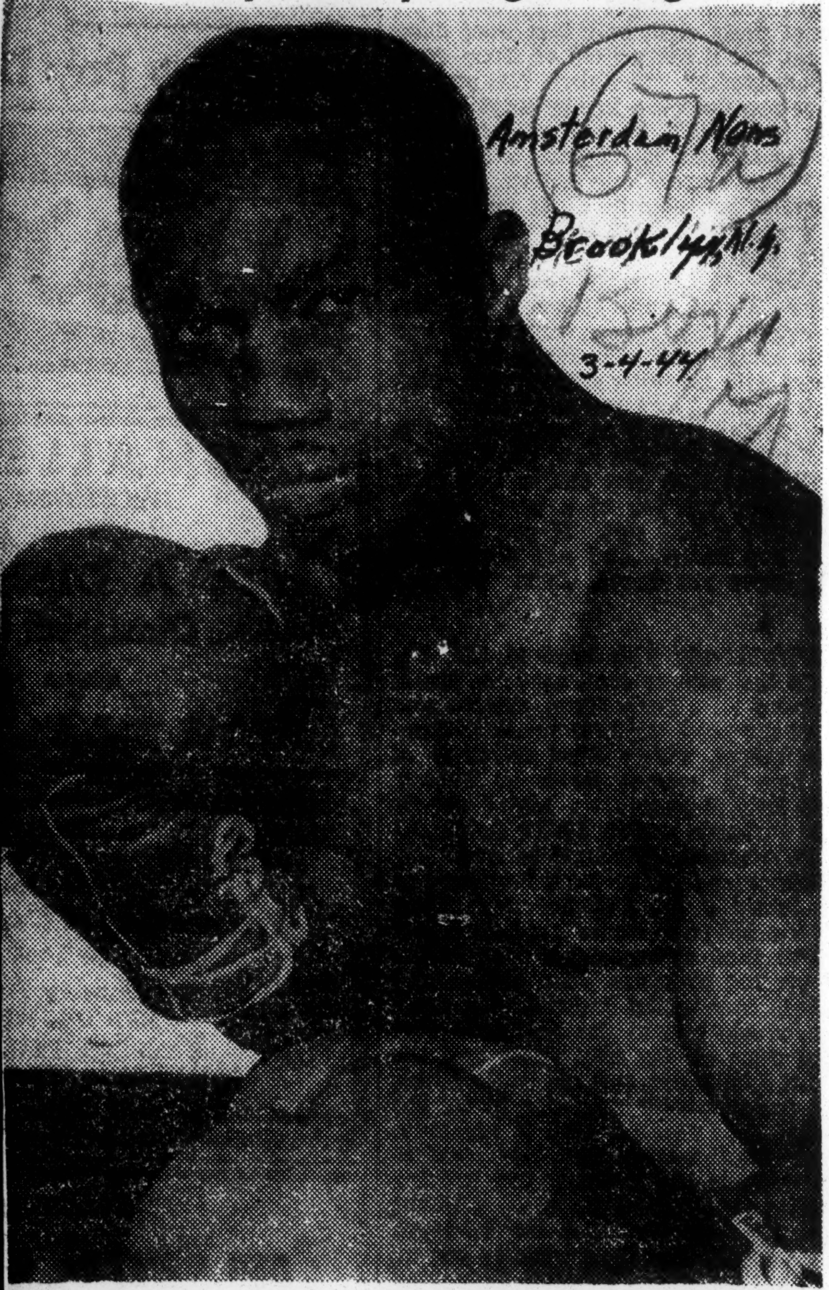
In the third, fourth and sixth rounds Monty hurt the Augusta, Ga. Negro with sharp rights to the jaw and a two-fisted body attack. Late in the 14th round, too, he nailed the Beau with a right that made the champion's knees buckle. Meantime, Montgomery took Jack's best punch, an uppercut, without backing up. Jack got in some effective left jabs a tthe start and at intervals throughout the 15 rounds, but seemed to never more than annoy Monty. 3-4-44

At the end Referee Arthur Susskind (Young Otto) and Judge Bill Healy each gave Montgomery eight rounds, Jack six and called one even. Judge Marty Monroe voted for Jack, eight rounds to seven.

The fight climaxed a hectic day that started at the weighing in ceremonies. After Jack tipped the scales at 134 pounds, Montgomery was found to be 135¼. Chick Wergeles, Jack's manager, protested that since Monty was over the lightweight limit of 135 pounds, the fight was off. However, Monty was officially proclaimed 135 pounds the second time he stepped on the scales after a conference of officials.

Montgomery and Angott, the N. B. A. champion, are scheduled to meet in a 15-round bout on March 31 for the undisputed lightweight title. Meanwhile, Angott is slated to defend his N. B. A. crown against Juan Zuarita at Los Angeles on Wednesday.

Army Heavyweight King



Amsterdam News
Brooklyn, N.Y.
3-4-44

CORP. HORACE BUFORD of Philadelphia, who graced the boxing cards of Madison Square Garden and the rings in Buffalo, Philadelphia and elsewhere, who recently won the Fifth Army professional heavyweight championship in Italy. He will fight in Africa against other champions of the Army and Navy units in the North Africa Theatre of Operations. He is the nephew of Mr. and Mrs. Marshall Lotts, 5727 Lettlow St., Philadelphia, and serves in a Quartermaster outfit with the Fifth Army —U. S. Signal Corps Photo.—D.

3-4-44

No More Retiring For Armstrong

Courier-Journal-Louisville, Ky.
6-13-44

Broken In More Ways Than One, He Keeps Hoping for One More Fight

By **OSCAR FRALEY**, United Press Staff Correspondent.

New York, June 12.—Henry Armstrong was a pathetic little man tonight as he huddled wearily on a rubbing table in Stillman's dingy gymnasium after another of those endless workouts that once again will lead him back into the smoke-shrouded ring at Madison Square Garden.

Henry is broke. And being broke, Henry must fight, despite the denied but ever-present fear of that eventual punch which will batter him into eternal darkness.

3 TITLES

"Little Perpetual Motion" they called him back in those lusty years when his ripping fists brought him three titles. He was a bull-shouldered little man with the spring and grace of a tiger. And they also dubbed him "Hammering Henry" as he scored a string of 27 straight knockouts. So he reached the crest of the hill—and started down.

Then came that blustery January night in 1941 when Fritzie Zivic cut L'il Henry to ribbons as Armstrong failed to regain the welterweight title. Manager Eddie Mead ordered Armstrong into retirement and it stuck — until Eddie dropped dead in front of his New York hotel in May, 1942. One month later Henry started a comeback.

"I had my eyes operated on," Henry explained, "and with the long rest they were apparently as good as ever. I had property, but I didn't have any ready cash, so I went back to the ring."

ONCE MORE

Armstrong fought with mixed success and had 26 fights before he tangled with Ray Robinson, in the same Garden Ring where two and one-half years before he had been battered to a helpless pulp by Zivic. Robinson repeated the lesson that they never come back, and Henry once again announced his "final" retirement—admitting then that a scar tissue growth inside his left eyeball "resembled a cataract." 6-13-44

"I was awfully disgusted," Armstrong explained tonight. "And besides I had enough money —or I though I did, until I got done paying taxes and bills."

The upshot was that last December, after a bare four months of "retirement," the grand little battler decided to "give it just one more whirl." He's nearing 32 and that old spring is gone from his legs. But against the type of fighters in action today he has proved a pretty good little man. This trip he had won 11 out of 12, seven by knockouts. He faces one of his most rugged customers in Al (Bummy) Davis, the reformed roughneck, on Thursday night.

Just a Fade Out.

"I'll never again announce my retirement," Armstrong mused. "A man never knows what he'll have to do. But I do know this, I can't say which fight will be my last, it might be this one, or the next, or the next. But when I know I've had enough I'll just fade quietly out of the picture."

6-13-44

The eyes?

"No, I don't mind talking about the eyes. Of course I can't see as good as when I was a young fellow, but I don't think they are in any danger."

But from the way he says it you know he isn't talking from the heart. He's hoping against hope that the blinding blow won't land before he makes one more stake and "fades quietly out of the picture," able to enjoy it in sunshine and not in darkness.

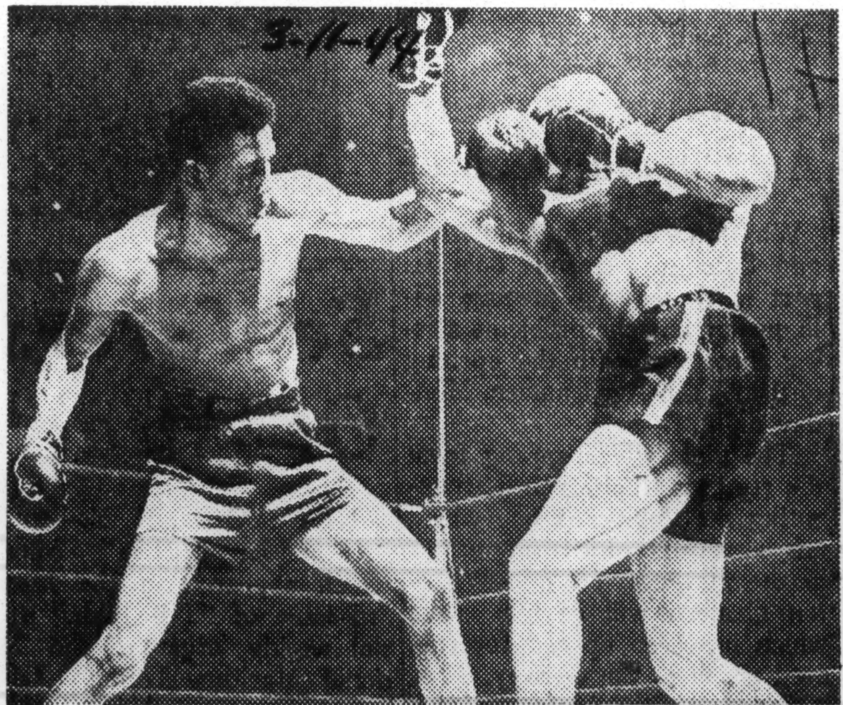
Beau Jack Dethroned As Montgomery Wins Fifteen-Round Thriller

Tribune—Philadelphia, Pa.

By **W. ROLLO WILSON**

NEW YORK—After 45 rounds of fighting—and fighting is the correct word—carried on in fifteen-frame fracases since May of last year, I think it is rather definitely established that Bob Montgomery, of Philadelphia, is the lightweight champion of Beau Jack and of that part of the world owing obeisance to the New York and Pennsylvania boxing bodies. In three battles with Georgia's Sydney Walker our Bobcat has twice wrestled the title from him, three brawls which netter over a quarter-million dollars. Friday night's party grossed $111,954, an indoor record for a lightweight match. 3-11-44

Having twice staked a claim on this prosperous property which is the 135-pound crown all Bob has to do to make his possession more secure is to lick Sammy Angott in that same ring on March 31. Having three times bowed to Sam, it's going to take a lot of doing on Bob's part.



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Going into the 11th round — on the Tribune score card — Montgomery needed one round to clinch the tussle and the title. I called the 11th for the Beau the 12th even and then Montgomery swung back into ascendency in the 13th and mopped up in that canto.

And, strange as it may seem, the Quaker quarreler was the sentimental favorite of the crowd although the betting had Beau the 2 to 1 overlord. When the fighters were introduced it was Bob who received the more sustained applause from the 19,000 and audible comments ran

around the press pews. When certainly not favored Bob in the announcement was lost in bed.
announcer George Kobb called matter of breaks, etc. during lam.
off Marty Monroe's tabulation the milling. Many a time he had BOB FORCES FIGHT
of 8 to 7 for Beau Jack a storm forced the men to separate when FROM FIRST
of boos beat down from the Monty was whaling Beau to a Montgomery won by dogged
galleries, side seats and loges soggy mass and ringsiders had perseverance from the opening
and howls of protest met it yelled "Let 'em fight." bell. Brushing aside the jabs
from the main floor. 3-11-44 But at Kobb's "Referee Suss- and frequent bolo punches to
Then Bill Healy's vote was kind—six rounds to Beau Jack-" stomach and jaw as necessary
on the ether and the boos chang- a grinning Montgomery ran but not fatal annoyances he kept
ed to cheers. It was up to ref- across the ring to grab the hand eternally on the move, trying
eree Arthur Susskind who had of the loser and the rest of the

3-11-44

to trap the champion against the ropes and to rip him fore and aft with lefts and rights. He lost the first frame on everybody's sheet but began to score in the second. So violent and vicious were his tactics that Garden fans witnessed an unique sight—Beau on a bicycle!!!

Flicking futile lefts into the face of his tormenter Jack pedaled backwards, stopping occasionally to swing solid uppercuts to Bob's body. Trapped against the ropes in the sixth session he was helpless for more than two minutes while the Bobcat drove heavy charges of TNT into his midriff and belted his hed from side to side with alternate lefts and rights. Finally Beau managed to stick his head through the ropes and the referee pulled Bob away.

Bob perceptibly tired through several rounds and the Jumping Jack came on in grand style to make it a closer battle than the earlier rounds had forecast but Bob's strength returned, the Beau's waned and there was a "new champion."

FIGHT ALMOST CALLED OFF 3-11-44

Earlier in the day the wildest disorder ever witnessed at an official weighing-in took place. For nearly two hours Chick Wergeles, manager of Jack threatened to refuse to allow the bout to be a title affair.

Beau Jack, on time, tipped the beam at 134. Montgomery, ten minutes late, got on the scale and when Chief Deputy Commissioner Jim Bruno, weighmaster, called "135," Wergeles took a quick look at the scales and declared that Bob was over the 135.

"The fight is off; it will not be a title bout," yelled Wergeles.

General John J. Phelan—out of order, as usual—then took personal charge of the matter. He fiddled with the bar and pompously announced 135 1-4! Then the fun began. 3-11-44

William Brush, an expert from the state's department of Weights and Measures, started to readjust the scales and Chick stormed at both Brush and Phelan. He charged trickery. The General ordered him away from the scales and again he upbraided Phelan. When Lou Beck, a clerk on the board interposed Wergeles offered to punch Beck in the nose. Beck accepted the challenge and started for Chick but the others got between them.

Then Phelan said that Montgomery would be given until 1:10 P. M. to take off the offending four ounces. Under the law he had until 1.30 to do it. Bob and his trainers went into an adjoining room where he did some boxing and submitted to a vigorous rub-down. Returning, he stepped on the machine, set at 135, and it teetered and just failed to reach the top.

Again Chick declared there was dirty work at the crossroads and repeated that the fight was off. Again the bar was set at 135 and once more Bob stepped up. Bruno called it "135." The General said it was official and Wergeles said it was not.

They repaired to the Commission offices upstairs and for almost an hour Wergeles fought against agreeing that it would be a title match. Finally, Mike Jacobs came out of the closed room and announced that the bout was on and for the title.

Armstrong Gets Draw With White

Post—Birmingham, Ala.

By United Press.

HOLLYWOOD, July 15.—Youthful Luther (Slugger) White, Baltimore, Md., and veteran Henry Armstrong, Los Angeles, a couple of close contact boxers, punched their way to a fast 10-round split draw last night before a sellout crowd of 7500 at Legion Stadium. 7-15-44

Referee Abe Roth awarded Hammering Hank eight rounds, Judge Benny Whitman called White the winner by a shade, and Judge Frankie Van called it a draw.

The United Press tally sheet had White ahead seven rounds to three.

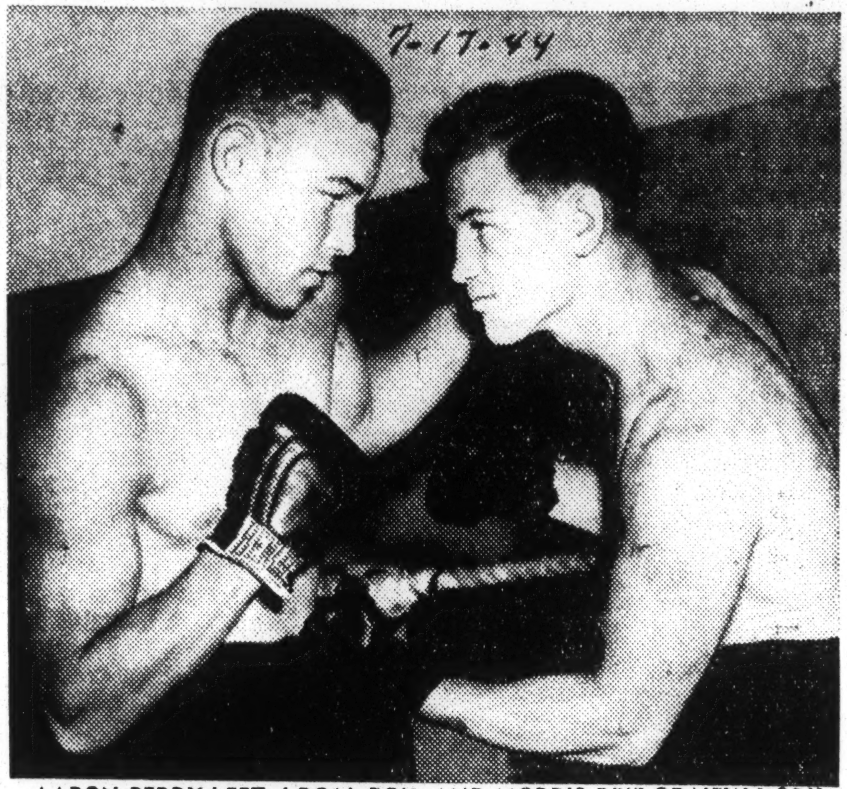
Armstrong, former triple titleholder, spent most of the evening absorbing a bevy of stiff punches to the face from the continuous jabbing youngster, only occasionally landing a telling blow.

In the eighth heat Armstrong cornered White on the ropes, but the Slugger fought his way out of the trap to capture the round.

The fight ended with White landing all the blows and Armstrong weaving and bobbing around the ring, without doing any punching.

Perry, Reif in Battle Tonight for Angott Go

Post—Washington, D.C.


7-17-44

AARON PERRY, LEFT, LOCAL BOY, AND MORRIS REIF OF NEW YORK

Aaron Perry, Washington's promising young welterweight, takes the next step in his comeback climb in his own backyard tonight when he meets hard punching Morris Reif, of New York, in the main event of the Liberty A. C.'s boxing show at Griffith Stadium.

Between 7500 and 10,000 persons are expected to pay between $25,000 and $30,000 to see Perry, a prevailing 6 to 5 favorite, tested by the Brooklyn Jewish bomber, who possesses a great left hook. The entire ticket sale for tonight's how sifts to Griffith Stadium this morning at 9 o'clock. 7-7-44

Tonight's bout will be important to both Perry and Reif. Primarily the winner is to be matched with Sammy Angott at the ball park on August 1. Furthermore, Herman Taylor also is attempting to match tonight's survivor with Ike Williams at Shibe Park, Philadelphia, on August 14.

Even Money At Bell

Perry originally ruled an 8 to 5 favorite over Reif, but the Jewish lad's terrific punching in wekend workouts has knocked down the odds to 6 to 5. Indications are that continued support from Reif's admirers in Brooklyn may narrow the quotations to even money at bell time.

Reif goes into the ring tonight with an amazing record that shows 10 consecutive knockouts, and 39 knockouts in 50 professional bouts. He has scored short order knockouts against three opponents here. one of these being registered over Phil Morales, the rugged Puerto Rican with a good record.

Whatever the outcome, tonight's feature bout should result in one of the most spectacular ever offered here. Reif's tremendous left hand is capable of putting away anyone he hits, while Perry's right hand wallop and superb condition stamp him as outstanding.

Perry has made 20 fights since turning pro little more than a year ago. He has scored 11 knockouts; won seven decisions; lost two verdicts, and lost on technical knockout to Henry Armstrong.

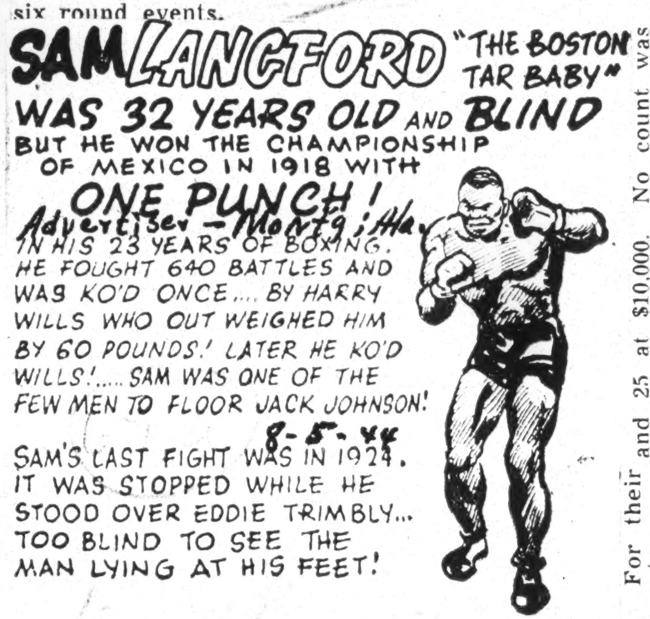
The local colored lad scored a smash hit in his last appearance at Griffith Stadium against Armstrong in May before suffering a technical knockout in the sixth round. Perry bounced back from seven knockdowns after making a fine start against Armstrong.

Two Wins for Perry 7-17-44

Aaron since has registered a three round knockout over promising Vic Pignatora at the Queensboro Stadium in New York, and also won a unanimous decision over Tommy Riccio in Newark.

An excellent supporting card backs up tonight's main event. In the six round semifinal number Joey Manfro, New York Italian-American junior welterweight and a hard puncher, makes his local debut. He boxes Billy Banks, a local boy and one of the better boxers among the lightweights, who comes back to action locally after a lay-off of months.

"Rocky" Luciano meets Bee Bee Washington; Clifford Smith engages Earl Trader, and Phil Carraco boxes Tom Long in other six round events.


SAM LANGFORD
"THE BOSTON TAR BABY"
WAS 32 YEARS OLD AND BLIND
BUT HE WON THE CHAMPIONSHIP OF MEXICO IN 1918 WITH
ONE PUNCH!
IN HIS 23 YEARS OF BOXING. HE FOUGHT 640 BATTLES AND WAS KO'D ONCE.... BY HARRY WILLS WHO OUT WEIGHED HIM BY 60 POUNDS! LATER HE KO'D WILLS!..... SAM WAS ONE OF THE FEW MEN TO FLOOR JACK JOHNSON!
SAM'S LAST FIGHT WAS IN 1924. IT WAS STOPPED WHILE HE STOOD OVER EDDIE TRIMBLY... TOO BLIND TO SEE THE MAN LYING AT HIS FEET!

Advertiser—Montg; Ala.

8-5-44

Beau Jack Outpoints Bob Montgomery

Advertiser, Montgomery, Ala.

NEW YORK, Aug. 4.—(U.P.)—Bull-shouldered Beau Jack evened his lightweight series with Champion Bob Montgomery tonight by winning the non-title decision after 10 rounds of savage brawling before a $35,800,000 war bond crowd in Madison Square Garden. August 5, 1944

It was the fourth time the two negro soldiers had met in the Garden ring, and it was Pvt. Jack's second victory. No title was at stake tonight because ex-Champion Jack had agreed to come in over the 136-pound limit, and because the distance was only 10 instead of 15 rounds.

Although Pvt. Montgomery of Keesler Field, Miss., and Pvt. Jack of Ft. Benning, Ga., were donating their services to the war-bond drive, tonight's bout was the most thrilling of their series. It was so close that one of the judges, Frank Forbes, voted five rounds for each. 8-5-44

However, the other judge, Bill Healy, gave Beau six, Monty three and scored one even. Referee Billy Cavanaugh voted six, two and two in favor of Beau. The United Press favored Beau—four, three and three.

Beau Jack-Bobcat Bond Battle Take Hits $13,250,000

Age-Herald

8-3-44

Birmingham, Ala.

NEW YORK, Aug. 2—(AP)—Friday night's Madison Square Garden 10-rounder between Sidney (Beau Jack) Walker and Bob Montgomery took on a "seat-a-serviceman" tinge Wednesday as War Bond sales for the fourth meeting of the two army private soared to $13,250,000.

The only way you can get in is to buy a War Bond but Uncle Mike Jacobs, the promoter who generally is taking instead of shelling out around the fight shows, is fixing it so some of the service men may get in free.

Jacobs bought 43 bonds of various sizes Wednesday and turned the tickets over to government hospitals to be distributed to wounded service men. Joe Leonard, brother of Benny Leonard a former lightweight bought 100 $25 bonds and sent his ducats to service men. 8-3-44

Another Uncle—Uncle Sam—will pay out $3,312,500 to buyers of bonds who get to see the show free, while the two fighters get nothing but training expenses. For their three previous encounters, two won by Montgomery, the punchers drew about $100,000 each.

Up to Wednesday 60 seats at $100,000 each had been sold, along with 88 at $50,000, 104 at $25,000, and 25 at $10,000. No count was available on sales of smaller bonds.

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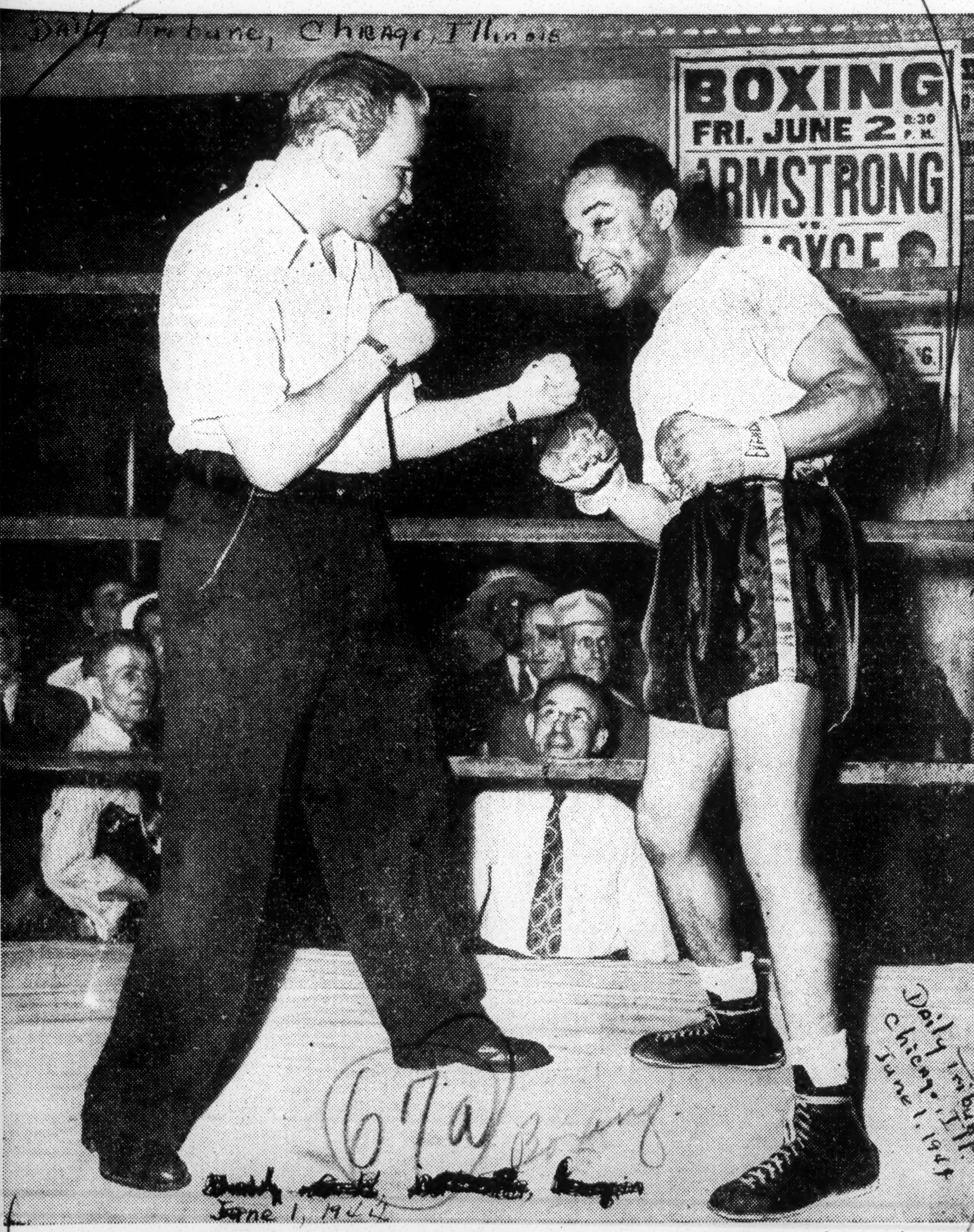
IT'S ALL IN FUN THIS TIME



Daily Tribune, Chicago, Illinois

Daily Tribune, Chicago, Ill. June 1, 1944

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June 1, 1944

Barney Ross (left) and Henry Armstrong, former welterweight champions, square off for a picture in the Ringside gymnasium. Yesterday was sixth anniversary of their bout in Madison Square Garden bowl, in which Henry dethroned Barney as champion. Ross, now retired, recently was given a medical discharge from the marine corps after distinguishing himself on Guadalcanal, while Armstrong, still boxing, will meet Willie Joyce in the Chicago Stadium tomorrow night. [TRIBUNE Photo.]

Another Lamb Led to Slaughter as Armstrong Stopped Hanbury in 3 Rounds

TRIBUNE - WASHINGTON, D.C 2-12-'44

More people than had ever witnessed an indoor boxing match in Washington. 7,770 to be exact, left $27,520 with Goldie Ahern at the front door of the Uline Arena to watch Henry Armstrong and Lew Hanbury in the ten round feature attraction last Monday night. True to his boastful promises, Hanbury opened the first round with a burst of speed and actually tagged "Hank" with some first class jabs, right hand crosses, and uppercuts, Armstrong retaliating in kind. On our card Armstrong had the edge in this round. But only the edge.

As both men answered the bell for the second round it was evident they had a common purpose. They had come in for the kill. Al Weil had sent Hanbury in to slug it out with "Hammering Hank." It was a big order. Too big for Hanbury and it sounded the death knell of the "kid." a fusilade of fistic horror Hanbury's purpose the "Human Buzz Saw" turned loose the heavy artillery. Near the end of this round Armstrong uncorked a vicious right to Hanbury's head that spun Lew half way across the ring from which he never fully recovered.

Hanbruy was still groggy when he answered the bell for the third round. "Hank" pounced upon his prey. Under a fusilade of fistic horor Hanbury sank to the floor, resting on one knee until the count of ten when Referee Eddie La Fond declared Armstrong the winner. It was evident that Hanbury was dazed but not out by any means. He could have gone on but only to certain defeat and very likely damage.

Armstrong may not be the fighter he was when holding the triple title. Maybe not the hurricane of fighting humanity he once was, but one thing is certain, Henry Armstrong is today a sharpshooting, hard hitting, fighting machine and can defeat most top rank men in the light and welter ranks. Make no mistake about it. Over confidence and inexperience are two of Lew's handicaps. The booing crowd thought the referee had stopped the fight but the fight ended with the count of ten.

Domingo Russell and Hubert Samuels slugged out a six round semi-final. Samuels won by decision. Bee Bee Washington decisioned Leon Anthony after Anthony was down for a count of four in the second round. Jimmy Jerico lost a four rounder to Sammy Thompson. A four round slug battle ended in a draw between Leon Fleming and Fred Richardson.

By DON DELEIGHBUR

The Story of Beau Jack vs. Sammy Angott And How Ring Officials Are Not So Anxious to Give Negro Fighters Edge Over the Whites.

Bee-Chicago, Ill.

NEW YORK. — Some folks around Harlemtown are believing that the whites have finally been fed up on this business of letting a colored boy beat a white boy before a whole lot of people as in boxing at Madison Square Garden. Thy are citing the last two Beau Jack fights at the House That Tex Built and Joe Louis Improved, as cases in point.

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In the first Beau Jack encounter, the Georgia Terror chased in futile effort one fleet-footed white boy named Lulu Constantino for ten rounds, laying gloves on him once in awhile and seldom being harmed by Constantino when the latter was cornered and had to fight.

The referee, Eddie Joseph, at the end of the ten rounds, voted the fight to Constantino by eight rounds to two. Beau Jack was saved, however, by the two judges who saw the fight the other way, six to four, which was too close for most of the fans who saw the bicycling exhibition put on by Constantino. Beau's title was not at stake.

Last Friday night, Beau Jack, who is recognized as the lightweight champion in New York State and in territory operating in cahoots with the Empire State, came to grips with Sammy Angott of Washington, Pa., who basks in the favor of the National Boxing Association, as lightweight titleholder, in a ten round affair before a crowd of 19,113 which paid $84,870 to see the two fight in an affair that involved no championship and settled nothing as to who actually is the lightweight champion of the world.

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The decision was a draw and prompted the observation that the white folks are "sick and tired" of colored fighters winning everything in boxing, since it was apparent as a sore thumb among five well fingers that Beau Jack won from here to there. The officials arrived at three different conclusions. Referee Frankie Fullam, usually a capable arbiter, gave each fighter five rounds. Judge Marty Monroe gave Beau Jack six rounds and Angott four, while Judge Charley Draycott handed Angott seven rounds and three to Beau Jack, I gave Beau Jack the fight on a basis of five rounds, one round for Angott, the first, and four heats even. This opinion was agreed with by many sports who felt that the similarity of styles left little to choose from.

Both are clumsy awkward fighters, with the experience and craftiness going to Angott. Beau Jack, showing more reserve and caution than before in any of his previous fights, did not throw his usual stream of punches, looking for an opening before he let loose with a torrent of leather. Angott was the same clinching, holding, unorthodox Angott and the fight was thus poor from a spectator's standpoint since Beau did all the chasing. Angott took round one with hit and run tactics in which he hopped in with left hooks and swinging rights and bouncing away for the first two minutes of the fight. Beau scored with fast jabs and a left hook on Sammy's jaw at the bell. Jack won round two when Angott did a lot of clinching and took solid shots to the head, including a loud, resounding wallop to the noggin that knocked Angott back on his haunches. Both took solid blows in brisk exchanges in the third, and the Georgian pummelled his man with right counters and uppercuts to the heart.

The fourth round showed little activity as they wrestled off the ropes. Jack staggered the NBA champion with a right cross, but took several jabbing rights to the head which neutralized the activ-

Battle Before 19,000

By HASKELL COLE

NEW YORK — Bouncin' Beau Jack, the New York lightweight champ, and Sammy Angott, the NBA lightweight king, had nothing to win and nothing to lose here last Friday night as they slugged it out before 19,113 cash customers in Madison Square Garden. And with nothing at stake they battled to a "nothing" decision, with the officials declaring the melee a draw at the end of ten rounds.

With neither champion risking his valuable crown, the fight proved to be simply a preview of coming events in the lightweight division. The only division in boxing with two champions is the lightweight and Mike Jacobs now intends to straighten out that situation with a round-robin tournament.

Under this agreement, Beau Jack puts his New York crown on the line against Bob Montgomery on March 13. Then the winner will meet Angott on May 26. Meantime, Angott will risk his NBA crown against Juan Zurita in Los Angeles on March 6.

All the above plans were arranged before Friday's fight, so it really didn't make much difference what happened. The 19,113 fans paid out $84,870 to see the fight, which was a good one from start to finish.

Putting it crudely, you might say it was a "good for nothing fight." The ex-bootblack from Georgia surprised the fans, and Mr. Angott too, by changing from a rushing, wild swinging battler to a counter puncher. As a result the fans probably got a better bargain than they countered for, as Angott is a notorious holder-on who does his fighting in spurts and then holds his opponents' arms. We had the New York champ a winner with a tally of 5-4 and one round even. Referee Fullam decided 5-5, Judge Monroe ruled for Jack 6-4, while Judge Draycott saw it 7-3 for Angott. Most of the writers at the ringside disagreed about the same way so that the decision rested well with them and the public. Jack proved to be the harder hitter, as expected, while Sammy from Washington, Pa., held up as the boxing master.

The Beau started off the second round as though he meant to wind up the fray right then and there. He caught Angott with a left hook and right cross to the jaw that spun the Pennsy battler into the ropes. When Beau closed with him on the ring paddings Sammy's superior weight of two pounds told and he tied up the colored lad long enough to clear his clouded noggin. In the third, after the kid from Georgia nailed Sammy with a slashing left, the white boy snarled in fury "come on," beckoning to the grinning Jack. The best lick of the whole fight was put in by Beau Jack in the ninth when he staggered Sammy visibly with a smashing right to the jaw. Sammy began to smile when hit, a sure indication that he was very much hurt. However, the Beau failed to follow up and in a moment Angott was hail and hearty again.

Far from a slashing, furious encounter, the two boys seemed to like each other and didn't care who knew it. In the eighth when they alternated in slipping to the canvas, the two men touched gloves and the Beau threw his arms around Sammy in hugs reserved only for long lost brothers. Beau was inclined to hug Sammy every time either man slipped or stumbled and the NBA champ played this game of hit-yo-later-kiss-you-now right down to the finish.

ity in this heat. The fifth was Beau's, Jack outfighting Angott in one torrid exchange and connecting with a right uppercut after Angott missed with the same type of blow. Jack grabbed the sixth round, staggering Angott with a left hook and later with a terrific right to the jaw. So similar was the style, both fighters frequently connected simultaneously. 2-6-44

Angott was back-pedalling most of the fight. Beau Jack carried the fight to him in the seventh and weathered the storm in the exchanges. Angott's best blow of the round was a right cross to the head. Sammy slipped to one knee in the eight as Jack swung with a right, then Beau slipped and fell backwards. They got up and hugged each other like long-lost brothers and Angott scored a right uppercut and many left hooks to the body as Beau fought back with a series of vicious jabs to the head.

Angott ran like Paul Revere in the ninth as Jack speared him with two right chops and then measured him with a right cross, one of his best blows of the fight. Jack kept after him swinging many blows, including a right hand bolo, connecting frequently.

The 10th went to Beau Jack as a left to the jaw almost knocked Angott out. The Georgia boy, however, didn't know what to do and the clever Angott weathered the storm. From a spectator's standpoint, the fight was bad for the eyes since Angott isn't pleasing to the eyes in any kind of fight against any opponent. He spoils good fights and Beau Jack was no exception. Before the fight, Abe Greene, president of the NBA, and Gen. John J. Phelan, chairman, and Commissioners C. B. Powell and D. Walker Wear took steps toward clearing up the lightweight muddle.

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There was much high-pressure speechmaking by Chick Wergeles, manager of Beau Jack and much double-talk by the General all of which resulted in papers being signed in a tri-partite agreement wherein the lightweight division will produce a single titleholder on May 26. Charley Jones, Wergeles, and Frankie Thomas of Philadelphia, manager of Angott, Beau Jack and Bom Montgomery, former lightweight champion, respectively, put their John Henry's on the note.

Jack and Monty had prior claim on a title match owing to an agreement made before their return fight last November and they will fight for the 135-pound crown on March 31. The winner then will take on Angott on May 26. Both bouts will be for 15 rounds at 135 pounds and will be promoted at the Garden by Mike Jacobs. 2-6-44

The fact that the draft board has been breathing heavily on Beau Jack's neck and may snatch him off for a uniform in the army was not apparently under consideration. If Beau goes to the army then the agreement will involve Montgomery and Angott and possibly, the former triple-title holder, Henry Armstrong, who has launched his third comeback attempt. Meanwhile, the fact that officials are yielding to some apparent pressure or urging to quit giving so many decisions to colored fighters is being watched with great interest all over the country.

Crowd of 10,000 Pays $15,000 to See Fight

CALL Kansas City, Missouri

Armstrong Seen as Winner of Bout in First Round; Gould Wins

2-4-44

All Saverio Turiello needed was about four more pairs of arms and all Promoter Gabe Kauffman needed was a hat to take his $14,864 gate receipts home when Henry Armstrong stopped Turiello in a seven-round knockout Tuesday night.

According to old-timers in the boxing game the Armstrong-Turiello fight was the largest drawing professional fight card to come to Kansas City in 20 years. Not even the great Joe Louis brought the crowd of 9,332 spectators into the portals of the Municipal auditorium.

Game in his loss Turiello came back after three knockdowns in the seventh, but the fourth was too much for him and he was unable to recover from a mighty, merciless barrage of blows to the head and body.

The first round was slow with Armstrong seemingly taking the measure of his foe. Turiello bored in determinedly and landed a few blows which made Armstrong straighten from a crouch peculiarly his own. The blows started Armstrong's left ear bleeding. The late seconds of the round found Armstrong landing some solid smashes to the head.

Early in the second round Turiello maneuvered his man toward the ropes with his slashing left. Turiello began to look tired as Armstrong warmed up to his night's work and began throwing punches all over the place. Late in the third round it was evident that Turiello was through and spectators looked for a knockout in the fourth. Turiello rallied with a hard right, however, while Henry peppered his foe with stiff lefts to make Turiello give ground. He backed into a corner frankly weary, and covered.

From then on the fight belonged to Armstrong, who it seemed, could have taken his foe at any time, in any round.

In the crucial sixth Turiello came out in a close crouch but was straightened by Armstrong. Turiello landed a couple of hard rights to the jaw, but got into trouble and backed into the ropes. Armstrong was ready for the knockout when the bell rang.

In two minutes and one second of the seventh round Turiello had hit the floor for the fourth and final time.

Most interesting bout of the evening saw Jimmy Gould of St. Louis come from behind to win over Lou Wallach, also of St. Louis. Gould went down for a nine count in the third round of the six-round bout, but came back in the fourth to score a technical knockout over his foe. Pat O'Leary, Denver, polished off John Brown of Kansas in 2 minutes and 36 seconds of the first round. Deacon Logan stopped his foe, Rolla Taylor of Kansas City, Kas., in 2 minutes and one second of the second round via the knockout route.

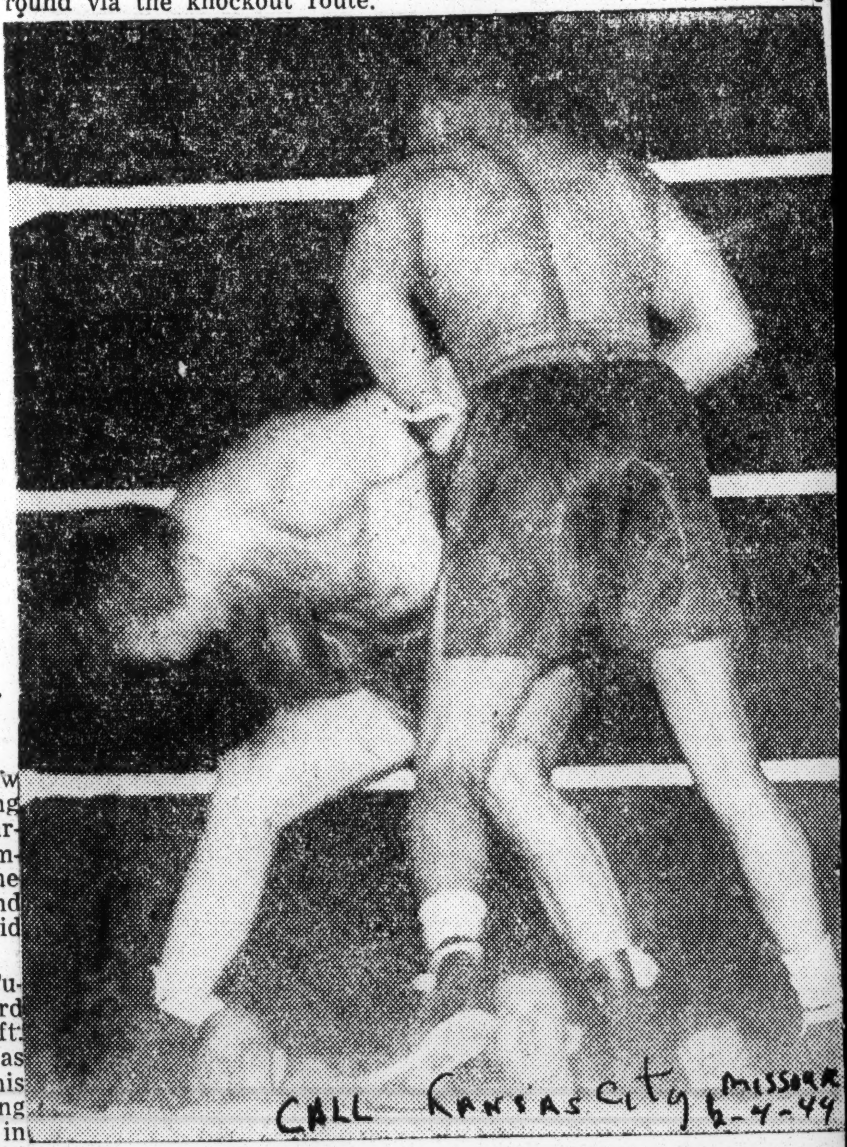
ARMSTRONG BEATS JOHNNY JONES

Bystander, Des Moines Iowa

Miami, Fla.—Hammering Henry Armstrong, 145, former welter, light and featherweight title holder, Tuesday night scored an impressive knockout over Broadway Johnny Jones, 143 3-4, of New York, in one minute and 10 seconds of the fifth round of a scheduled 10-round fight.

March 14, 1944

A capacity crowd of 7,500 saw Armstrong floor Jones with a left to the chin seconds after the fifth round opened.



CALL Kansas City, Missouri 2-4-44

THIS IS THE WAY HE DOES IT.— Henry Armstrong is shown here in the sixth round preparing for the kill as he lets Turiello have a hard one on the head. Armstrong forced his foe to the ropes time after time to administer similar beatings.

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Boxing

Split Decision Puts Lightweight Crown Back On Montgomery's Brow

Amsterdam News—New York, N.Y.

By DAN BURLEY

They are weeping in Georgia nad falling tears are watering the green of the beautiful Augusta National Golf Club where a happy carefree urchin used to trudge with his burden of golfbags and clubs in eagle-eyed search of hard-hit balls for play-bent millionaires. They are also weeping in Gotham, but here the brine splashes on the highly polished floors of a swank office suite in Rockefeller Plaza, high in the air overlooking Father Knickerbocker's domain. In both cases and places the tears are being shed for Sidney (Beau Jack) Walker, the erstwhile, carefree urchin, who isn't happy and who isn't the lightweight champion anymore.

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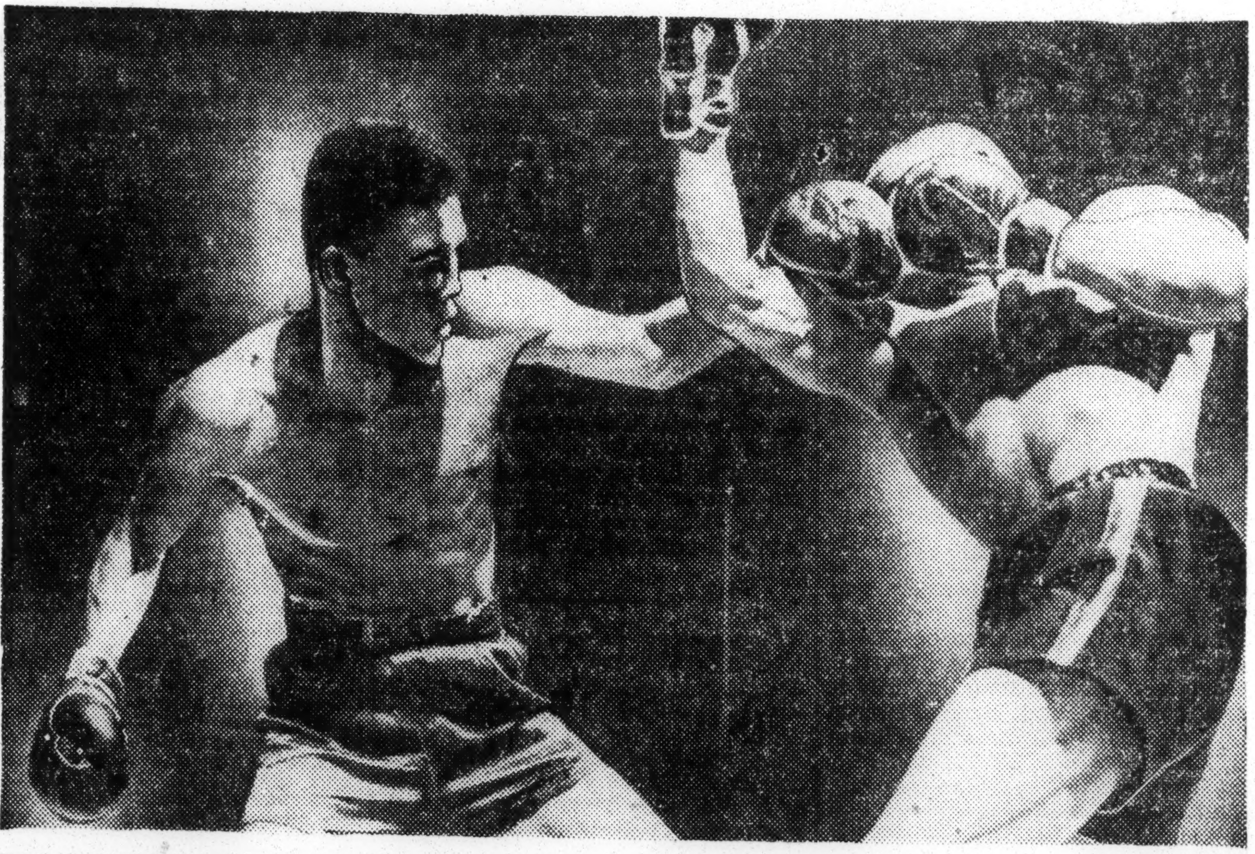
Montgomery Jabs At Beau's Features



BOB MONTGOMERY regained the New York lightweight title Friday night, winning a close 15-round decision over Beau Jack of Augusta at the Garden. Monty, left, is shown shooting a left to Jack's face. Montgomery's victory gave him the crown for the second time in eight months. —INS Photo

But there are great peals of merriment being emitted in Philadelphia and sundry other precincts where gather the followers of Robert (Bob) Montgomery, sad-eyed Quaker by way of South Carolina, who labors more than frequent at the Sun Shipyards at Chester, Pa. The merriment herein described is glee expressed that the Philadelphian is again lightweight champion and because the future looks golden with promises in his future affairs of the squared circle.

Many Taken To Cleaners

There were those, who before Friday night last, were more than sure that Beau Jack would triumphantly don the khaki of Uncle Sam and hie off amid fanfare, pomp and circumstance to the greater war now being waged throughout the world, wearing with aplomb and great, if not spectacular dignity, the lightweight tiara, emblematic of supremacy in the 135-pound kingdom. These citizens, and among the throng of 19,066 at Madison Square Garden Friday night who paid the amazing $111,954 there were many, at least half were on the ignominious ride to the cleaners after the split decision was announced awarding the 15-round decision to Montgomery.

It was the third meeting of Beau Jack and Montgomery with the lightweight title involved. The first time out Montgomery administered a terrific drubbing to the former Georgia caddie and shoeshine boy to lift the title from his beetled-brow. He gave Beau Jack a return shot and "loafed" away the crown in a listless performance that gave rise to the suspicion that Montgomery was washed up after five years of campaigning among the topnotchers in his devision.

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Also at stake in Friday night's fight was and still is the $100.000 March 31 date with Sammy Angott, of Washington, Pa., the National Boxing Association lightweight champion. This fight, 15 rounds or less, will decide once and for all who is lightweight champion of the world and not of certain states and territories as today. Montgomery, thus takes over where Beau had planned to move in and will go to bat against Angott, former holder of the undisputed claim to the lightweight title, March 31, at the Garden.

Monty 2-1 Underdog

Montgomery came into the ring the 2-1 underdog as a result of that 63 second knockout he suffered at the hands of Al (Bummy) Davis in the same ring two weeks before. Thinking Bob was still gun shy and reticent about getting in close, the Beau Jack strategy board ordered its fighter to swarm all over him as is the Beau's wont. That was just what Monty wanted. He elected to work on Beau's body and this consistency of purpose gave him the verdict.

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The split verdict, announced at the ringside, showed Referee Arthur (Young Otto) Susskind voting six rounds to Beau Jack, eight to Montgomery and one even, which coincided with the vote of Judge Bill Healy. Judge Marty Monroe saw it in favor of Beau Jack, eight rounds to seven. This writer gave Montgomery seven, Beau Jack six and tabbed two as even.

The largest crowd to see the third fight involving these two Negro boxers also paid the largest Garden gate in two years, or since Joe Louis knocked out Abe Simon, to attend. It was a bruising, vicious, pier six brawl that pitted these two warriors against each other for 15 gruelling rounds, most of which were spent in tussling, bulling and mauling for position and advantage. Beau Jack took round one by swarming all over Montgomery.

He threw left hooks to the head and jaw which Montgomery took calmly as he belted cruel lefts to the belly. They exchanged right and left jabs to the face and just before the bell, Montgomery caught a fusillade of rights to the belly. Beau Jack tossed bolos to the midriff as the second round opened, and they then leveled off after a flurry with Montgomery piling in with both hands, hooking and jabbing to the middle, with overhand left clouts to the head. Beau pawed viciously in the face with his right, zooming lefts to the stomach.

Works on Beau's Middle

Montgomery, getting hot, walked down the stretch in the next seven rounds, taking five of them with hefty pummelling of Beau's middle with teeth-rattling shots to the jaw and head. Both missed frequently, with Beau the guiltier party.

Beau was back-pedalling almost continuously as Bob stalked him time and again into the ropes. As Montgomery took the third, fourth, sixth, seventh and ninth rounds, he featured punishing blows to the body, setting up Beau for some excellent right handed wallops to the jaw and chin. Beau took the fifth, scoring frequently with heavy right hands to the head and left jabs to the body.

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The sixth was the round in which the victory was decided. After a typical flurry of leather in which little damage was done, Montgomery pinned Beau on the ropes for the last minute and a half of the session and drove home 35 burning rights and lefts to the body and head in a sustained orgy of punishment seldom seen in any ring. Beau seemed in a bad way and couldn't solve the simple trick of getting off the ropes out into the center of the ring.

Wild West Thriller

He came back however, to stage a wild western thriller of the tenth, twelfth, thirteenth rounds. He was the aggressor in each of these rounds, opening with a nifty body assault and then switching from his right hand to left hooks to the jaw. Just as he appeared ready to wilt, Montgomery rallied and came down the stretch in the 14th and 15th rounds to gain the edge. 3-11-44

In the prelims, Jackie Leamus, 134½ of Harlem, defeated Joey Manfro, 140½, New York, in six. Hubert Samuels, Montgomery's stableman, weighing 129½, fought a draw with Georgie Cooper, 128, Harlem, in four rounds. Bobby Smith, 128¼, Philadelphia, beat Archie Wilmer, 126¾, Wilmington, in four rounds, while Bill Kendrick, 170¼ was kayoed in three by Fitz Fitzpatrick, Cleveland, O.

Beau Jack Tells GI's How To Box

Daily World—Atlanta, Ga.

7-23-44

"You can just about lick anything you train hard enough for. I learned this as a fighter."

It was in these words that Private Sidney Walker, known to ring fans as Bouncing Beau Jack, sized up his six weeks of Army life in the Special Training Unit of Fort Benning's Reception Center. He had specific reference to his studies in reading, writing, and arithmetic, and other subjects his Uncle Sam is teaching him in the largest "Little red school" for elementary education the world has ever witnessed—the Special Training Unit at Fort Benning.

You see, Beau Jack could neither read nor write when he entered the U. S. Armed Forces during the first of June, but within twelve weeks, or possibly less, the ex-champ of the lightweight division expects to leave the Special Training Unit with a fourth grade education. He's already been promoted to the Second Section, the equivalent to the second grade in a civilian school. He's been promoted fast, because "I prepare and train for my lessons like I would a ring fight," as Bouncing Beau Jack himself would answer.

Beau Jack was at the top of his ring career when he was inducted into service. He grossed over a million dollars in thirteen fights last year, and became the top drawing card for Madison Square Garden. His ring specialty is a bolo uppercut which he drives to his opponent with terrific speed and power. And his spectacular manner in the ring, coupled with amazing endurance and ability to take punishment, made the Beau the greatest gate attraction since the hey day of Heavyweight Champion Joe Louis. 7-23-44

Attached unassigned to the 2nd Company, 1st Battalion, of the STU, Beau Jack has gained the respect of his commanding officer, and fellow-soldiers. Major A. B Cottrell, commanding officer of the

Beau Shows Them How ToUse Their Dukes

Daily World - Atlanta, Ga.
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2nd Battalion, said that he has let nothing interfere with Beau's studies and military training since he was sent over here.

"You know this schooling he's getting will do him lots of good after the war," the Major added. "And he seems to be very grateful for it.."

Entering the Special Training Unit June 6 of this year, Beau Jack was recommended by his instructor for a test three weeks later. He successfully passed the Section 1 test with a score of 32 points out of a possible 35. He's looking forward to promotion to the third section.

T-5 Augustus Dickinson, one of his instructors, said "Beau Jack is sincere and takes all of his instructions very seriously. There is no wonder he was champ."

Lts. Burleigh E. Barker, and Herbert P. Gruber, company officers, added that the little battler has a big heart, and shows the right attitude toward the other men. He's cooperative and loyal."

Beau Jack, since entering the Special Training Unit, has organized a boxing team composed of trainees in the STU. Majority of these boys have had little, if any experience as fighters, but are showing enthusiasm for boxing under guidance of the sensational Beau. 7-23-44

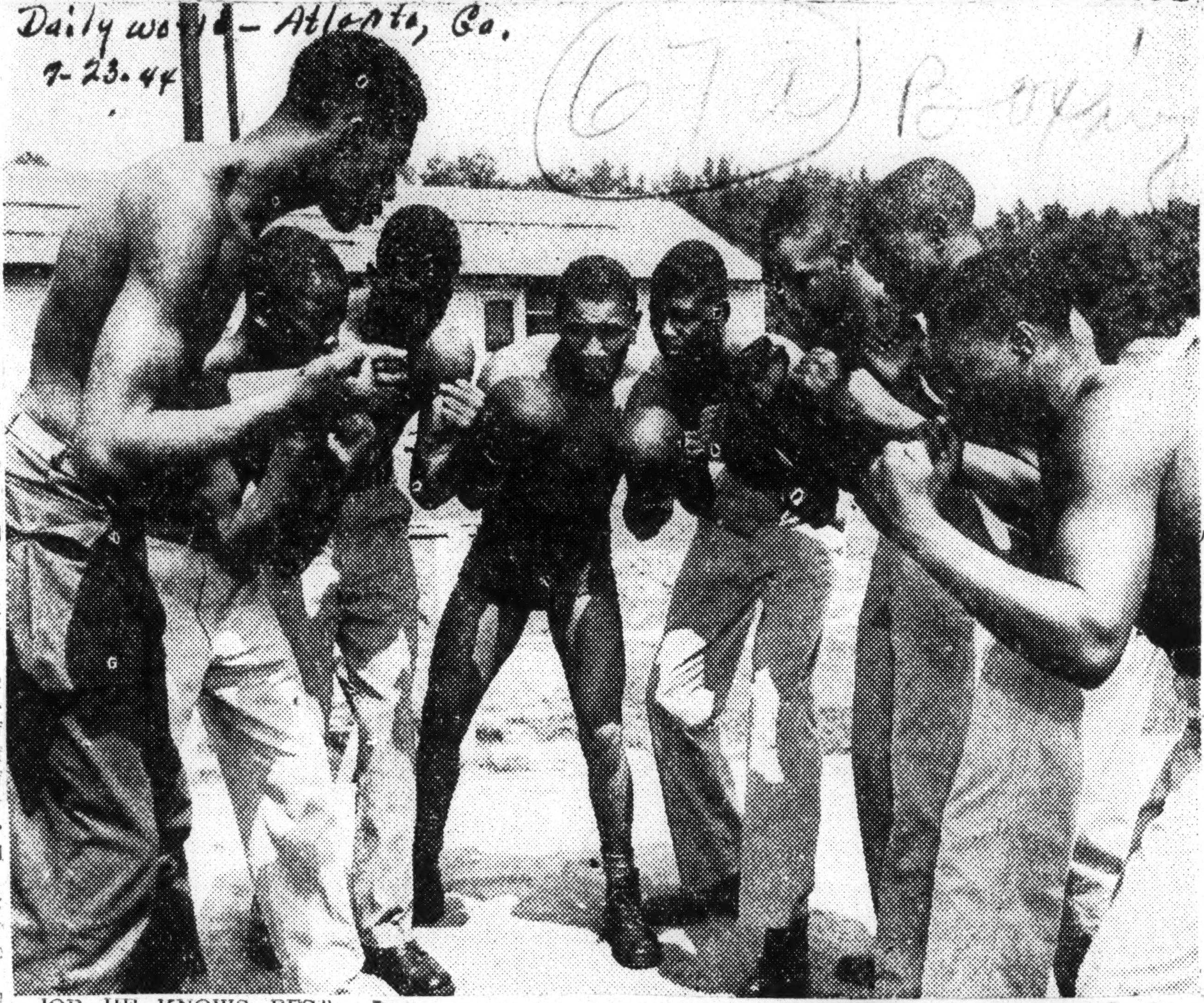
"A few of these boys look pretty good," Beau Jack said "We expect to increase the number to a twenty-man team," he added.

Beau's Army training is divided into academic studies, and military. He will have had enough pre basis military training to give him a head start when he leaves the Reception Center for a replacement center where basic training will be offered.

"I am proud to be a soldier and a fighter for my country," Beau Jack declared. I am buying war bonds every month."

7-23-44

A native of Augusta, Ga., Beau Jack gave up a shoe shine job in Georgia to follow a career as a fighter. He was relatively unknown in fight circles until about two yeas ago when he began piling up a series of victories that took the East like a whirlwind. He dethroned Bob Montgomery of Philadelphia, for the lightweight championship last year, but retained the title for only a short period Montgomery, in a close decision duing the first of the year, regained the title.


Boxing

JOB HE KNOWS BEST:- Interest in boxing has soared to a new high in the Special Training Unit of Fort Benning's Reception Center. One look at the picture will explain the reason why. Private Sidney Walker, the fighting Beau Jack, of bolo uppercuts fame, shown fourth from left. Afternoons following classroom work in the STU, to which Beau Jack is assigned for a primary education the sensational lightweight tler turns instructor himself and gives all the GI's interested in boxing a few point of the game.

His boxing pupils come from all four battalions composing the Special Training Unit and the battler turns instructor himself and garded as an essential part of the pyhsical fitness program which the Army fosters in order to condition soldiers. 7-23-44

(U. S. ARMY Signal Corps Photo)

BEAU JACK ARRIVES FOR WAR-BOND BOUT

Times - New York, N.Y.

Montgomery, Rival in Garden Aug. 4, Defers Work Here

After a Quick Visit

7-25-44

Bob Montgomery, the lightweight champion, and Beau Jack, former titleholder, both now in the Army, arrived here yesterday to complete training for their ten-round nontitle bout on Aug. 4 in Madison Square Garden. Admission to the show will be by War Bond purchase only.

For Montgomery, stationed at Keesler Field, Miss., it was a fleeting visit since he left for his home town, Philadelphia, where he will stay until Friday or Saturday. Jack started work at Stillman's gymnasium. He is stationed at Fort Benning, Ga.

Tickets for the show go on sale at the Garden and at the Treasury Department offices in Radio City on Thursday. Bonds of $25 value will provide seats and the scale will range upward to $100,000, the price set for each of seventy-two of the best locations.

MONTGOMERY TO BOX JACK ON BOND CARD

Times - New York, N.Y.
7-21-44

A boxing card that is likely to attract the sum of $50,000,000 into the United States Treasury was arranged yesterday by the Treasury Department and the Fifth War Loan Sports Committee, of which Max Kase, sports editor of The New York Journal-American, is chairman. The card will be headed by a ten-round bout between Bob Montgomery, Philadelphia Negro who holds the lightweight championship of the world, and Beau Jack of Augusta, Ga., fast-punching Negro from whom Montgomery lifted the 135-pound crown last winter.

Jack and Montgomery will meet at Madison Square Garden on Aug. 4 and admission to the contest will be through the purchase of war bonds only. The lowest-priced seats will sell for a $25 bond and the scale will be increased for better locations all the way up to $100,000, which will permit the purchaser to watch the battle from a ringside seat. 7-21-44

The contest, which has been in the making for some time, was "signed and sealed" yesterday when it was announced that the Gillette Safety Razor Company of Boston had consented to defray all expenses attached to the promotion. The promotion itself will be handled by the Twentieth Century Sports Club, of which Mike Jacobs is president.

The Twentieth Century organization will handle all the details calculated to make the meeting a success for the Treasury Department and the sports committee. Spokesmen for the committee are authority for the prediction that the clash will draw $50,000,000 in war bonds.

No title will be involved when Jack and Montgomery trade punches. The pair already have met three times, with Montgomery relieving Jack of the lightweight title in their first fight, Jack regaining the crown in the second and Montgomery ascending to the title once more in the third meeting. 7-21-44

Both fighters are in the Army, Montgomery being stationed at Keesler Field, Miss., and Jack at Fort Benning, Ga. They have been training regularly for the past ten days and will leave for New York immediately to complete their preparations. Neither Montgomery nor Jack will receive any financial recompense for participating in the fight.

BEATING the GUN...

Bee - Chicago, Ill. BY ALVIN MOSES

HENRY ARMSTRONG BUSINESS—DISGRACEFUL

NEW YORK, Feb.—(ANP)—We are no little disappointed in lifelong friend George P. Moore, manager of Henry Armstrong, once triple-world's champion boxer. It seems that Mr. Moore, of Portland, Ore., wrote a letter to Dan Parker, sports editor of the New York Daily Mirror, which Parker presented to the world in all its "ungrammatical" undress. That letter, if Mr. Moore actually wrote such a piece of junk, has caused his stock to sink to a level much below bottom by persons (of color) who held him in the highest esteem before this publicity backfired. 2-20-44

Neither space nor the desire to burden our readers with this type of reporting, permits the reproduction, or part, of Moore's letter. But in the interest of certain members of the Negro race who feel that the only worthwhile publicity is that which they receive from the white press we advise our readers to send for the Feb. 5 issue of the N. Y. Daily Mirror, 236 E. 45th street, New York.

Dan Parker commenced his column to Moore as follows: "A disgustingly hypocritical letter reached my desk yesterday from the unskilled pen of George Moore, who boasts, as if it were something to brag about, that he is the only one responsible for the management of Henry Armstrong." Parker brings out the fact that Moore has made the all-but-blind Armstrong fight on after many sincere "farewells" to the boxing game. 2-20-44

But it is the letter which struck us right between the eyes, it was poorly composed and edited. If George P. Moore, we said before, wrote this letter, we have these criticisms to offer. Any newspaperman in your town, and I'do mean Negro newsman, would have composed the letter for you so that you would not have been subjected to the ridicule you've earned now. A public stenographer for the huge sum of 50c—would have turned out a clean job at least. Had you contacted me, I would have written Parker in your behalf, gaining the publicity your letter evidently sought, and affixing your name to the letter in the bargain . . . tsk, tsk, tsk.

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Boxing

SOLDIERS WHO MET IN THE RING LAST NIGHT

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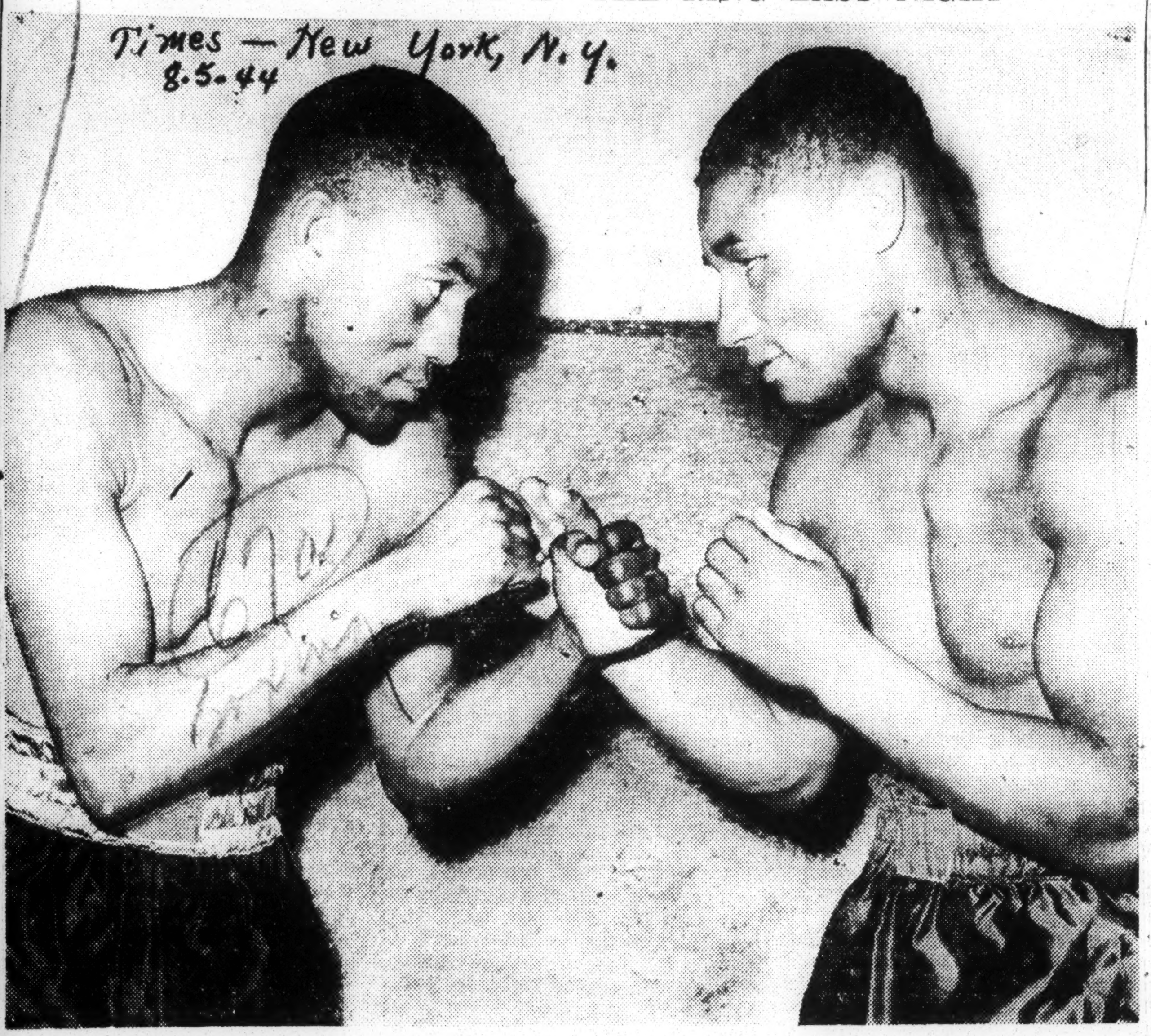

Pvts. Bob Montgomery (left) and Beau Jack squaring off after they weighed in for their bout in the War Bond program at Madison Square Garden. Times New York N.Y. 8-5-44 Associated Press

BEAU JACK VICTOR OVER MONTGOMERY

Times New York

8-5-44

Beats Lightweight Ruler in Non-Title Match of Bond Program at the Garden

CROWD OF 10,000 PRESENT

Lanier Carries Off Verdict Over Carter in Semi-Final—Garcia Also Triumphs

8-5-44

By JOSEPH C. NICHOLS

Beau Jack defeated Bob Montgomery, the lightweight king, on points in the main ten-round bout of a war bond program at Madison Square Garden last night. The title was not at stake.

Along with the two principals, both Army privates, all the fighters on the card received no cash for their efforts. The Twentieth Century Sporting Club donated the services of its promotional machine and various expenses for the show were underwritten by the Gillette Safety Razor Company. Admittance was by purchase of war bonds only.

The actual attendance was a disappointment, fewer than 10,000 spectators being on hand. However, it was indicated that the show was a financial success, many purchasing the bonds and leaving the admission tickets in the booths, to be donated to any serviceman who might have made application for one. The unfortunate part of this set-up was that not enough servicemen were aware of the situation.

Purple Heart Veterans

Among those present were many veterans of American activity on all fronts. Seventy-two of these, each a recipient of the Purple Heart, occupied the seventy-two first row seats in the ringside section, each location costing a $100,000 war bond, and each being donated to its occupant by a patriotic purchaser.

A good number of these first row spectators, as well as spectators in other parts of the ringside section, were still suffering from their wounds, and were garbed in their hospital robes.

Before the main bout went on it was announced that 15,822 bonds were sold for a total of $35,864,900. The referee was Billy Cavanagh and the pudges were Frank Forbes and Bill Healy. Montgomery weighed 137½ pounds, the Beau 138¾. 8-5-44

Jack carried the fight to Montgomery in the first round and rattled the champion with a stream of left hooks to the head. They slugged away at each other in the second before Montgomery got off a long left to the head. Jack returned a couple of left hooks to the face and took a long right to the body. Montgomery opened the third by bouncing a hard right off Jack's chin. But Jack came back to toss both hands at the champion.

Jack forced his way into close quarters in the fourth and drove both hands to the body. Montgomery stood up under these blows and shook his opponent with two fast rights to the jaw.

In the fifth Jack threw numerous lefts at Montgomery, firing at the head and body. Montgomery had trouble getting away from the blows and absorbed considerable punishment.

They mixed it through the sixth, with Jack's faster punching earning him the honors in the session. In the seventh Montgomery absorbed a right to the chin and came back to fire sharp lefts and rights to the head, forcing Jack to the ropes.

Verdict Not Popular

Berlie Lanier, aggressive Philadelphian, defeated Joe Carter of Rome, N. Y., in the six-round semifinal. The fight was close, and a good part of the crowd disagreed with the verdict, though it seemed fair. Lanier weighed 166 pounds, Carter 155¾.

A fight that pleased the early arrivals considerably was the six-rounder between Buddy Garcia, 132, Galveston, and Bobby Smith, 127, Philadelphia. The bout was a free-swinging affair with Garcia's sharper punching enabling him to win. 8-5-44

Nick Toretto, 1[illegible]4, West Side, pounded out a victory over Freddie Flores, 164¾, Jamaica, in a fast six-rounder. In the opening four, Tommy Pope, 175¼, Harlem, gained the verdict over Bennetto Payne, 169¾, Windsor, Ont. The winner was dropped for a count of nine just before the end of the battle, but his early advantage was enough to earn him the award.

Beau Jack Uses His Top Kick as Sparring Partner

Pst Washington, D.C.
8-1-44

New York, July 31 (AP).—Pvt. Sidney (Beau Jack) walker says he isn't in any hurry to get back to Fort Benning, Ga., because he has had to press his sergeant into service as a sparring partner while getting in shape for Friday's war-bond bout with Pvt. Bob Montgomery.

Jack, who twice has been designated the lightweight champion of the world by the New York State Athletic Commission, doesn't ease up in his punching when Tech. Sergt. Bryant Bass, Fort Benning boxing instructor, is in the ring with him.

The former shoeshine boy boxed four runds today during which he plattened Solomon Stewart of New York, in a single frame.

Montgomery worked three rounds, one with Harold Smith of Philadelphia and two with Paddy Quinn, British sailor now in the city.

The gate for the fight, to which admittance will be gained only by the purchase of war bonds, is expected to reach 50 million dollars. It will be for 10 rounds and Montgomery's lightweight crown will not be at stake.

MONTGOMERY, JACK MEET IN BIG BOND BOUT

Age-Herald
Birmingham, Alabama
8-4-44

NEW YORK, Aug. 3—(AP)—It's the interest—both fistic and financial—that is making the fourth meeting between Beau Jack and Bob Montgomery a $20,000,000 War Bond attraction.

Montgomery's lightweight title won't be at stake in the 10-round battle Friday night to which admittance can be gained only by purchase of bonds rainging in price from $25 to the cheaper seats to $100,000 for a ringside pew.

At least 60 seats have been sold at the latter price and 88 have owners at $50,000 each.

The closeness of the previous three metings between the pair has zoomed the fistic interest. In their first, Montgomery won and took the title. Six months later, Jack reversed the verdict and on March 3 this Spring Montgomery once more took over. 8-4-44

Financial interest, of course, is the difference between the purchase and maturity values of the bonds.

Treasury officials have shown more interest in the number of bonds sold than in an astronomic gate and a majority of the seats in Madison Square Garden have been placed in the $25 to $500 classifications.

Both Jack and Montgomery now are in the Army and were granted furloughs to compete. Each is donating his services as is Promoter Mike Jacobs. Other expenses are being covered by the radio sponsor.

Montgomery, who hails from Philadelphia, expects to weigh 137 pounds while Jack, whose name is Sidney Walker and whose home is in Augusta, Ga., expects to enter the ring at 139 pounds—four pounds over the weight limit.

Surgery 'No Hope' In Negro Boxer's Death

News Birmingham, Alabama
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NEWARK, N. J. — (AP) — Lem Franklin, Chicago Negro heavyweight fighter who died 10 days after a knockout here, succumbed to "a type of injury where surgery offered no hope," says Dr. Harrison S. Martland, Essex County medical examiner.

After an autopsy on the 28-year-old boxer, Dr. Martland said late Thursday it could not be determined whether the fatal injury was caused by a blow or the subsequent fall.

Franklin died Thursday at Newark City Hospital where he had been unconscious almost continuously since he was knocked out by Larry Lane, Trenton Negro, in the ninth round of a scheduled 10-round bout July 24 at Meadowbrook Bowl.

Montgomery Boxes Jack Tonight In War Bond Feature at Garden

Times-New York, N.Y.

U. S. Treasury Gate Likely to Reach Fifty Million for Ten-Round Non-Title Bout

Betting at Even Money on Outcome

8-4-44

By JOSEPH C. NICHOLS

A pair of privates in the United States Army, Lightweight Champion Bob Montgomery and the former titleholder, Beau Jack, tonight will head a program that will be responsible for the turnover of the greatest sum of money ever realized by a boxing card. Montgomery and Jack will meet in a ten-round battle at Madison Square Garden, and admission to their clash will be by war bond purchase alone.

Estimates on what the fight will attract into the United States Treasury vary from a conservative $25,000,000 to an optimistic $50,000,000. Although a goodly number of war bond admissions already have been sold, there really is no guide by which to arrive at a fair prediction of the "take." Suffice it to say, however, that the card promises to be a successful one from both the artistic and financial standpoint.

Rivals Fighting for Nothing

Neither fighter will receive payment for his services. Nor will the Twentieth Century Sporting Club, which is attending to all the promotional details, profit in the slightest. All expenses for the show are being underwritten by the Gillette Safety Razor Company of Boston.

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In a strict manner of speaking, admission to the Garden tonight will be free, and then some. For the purchase of a war bond will carry with it a gradual increment until the time of maturity, when the buyer gets his money back, plus interest. Everybody knows that.

The scale of prices range from $25 to $100,000 in War Bonds, with seventy-nine seats, all first row locations, listed at the latter figure. The Treasury Department has indicated that it would consider the enterprise an unqualified success if the bonds in the lower range, from $25 through $50, $100 and $500, were to be widely distributed among the spectators. To encourage the sale of these lower priced Bonds, fifty special booths will be open at the Garden all day. Tickets also will be on sale at the Belmont Park race track.

Fourth Meeting of Rivals

Both fighters are in top shape for their meeting, which will be the fourth between them. The fact that Montgomery's title will not be at stake does not promise to dull the edge of the encounter, and the betting, which is brisk, is at even money. They fought willingly through every round of their three previous clashes, and there is every indication that they will be just as energetic tonight. Montgomery holds the edge over Jack in performance, having won twice to Jack's once. The champion plans to scale 137 as against 139 for Jack.

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A number [illegible] service men from hospitals [illegible] ports of embarkation will witness the program, through the good offices of bond purchasers who have turned their admission slips over to the members of the armed forces.

The top bout will be supported by a strong preliminary card. Joe Carter, Rome, N. Y., middleweight, will tackle Berlie Lanier of Philadelphia in the six-round semi-final. Another six will show Mike Delia in action against George (Dusty) Brown. Buddy Garcia and Bobby Smith and Freddie Flores and Nick Toretto are paired in sixes, and the four-round opener will bring together Bennetto Payne and Tommy Pope.

Daily worker – New york, N.Y.

the LOW DOWN

Hitler Loses and We Win at Garden Tonight

8-4-44

Nat Low

It will be a unique setting the Beau Jack-Bob Montgomery fight will have this evening at Madison Square Garden. For the first time the interest in the setting of the fight will be greater than in the battle itself—and that's the way it should be for the bigger fight going on all over the world is the thing that has made this particular one in the Garden tonight possible.

Bob Montgomery, the lightweight champion of the world, will face Beau Jack—both are privates in the Army—and the boys will fight for "nothing" but their country. And in line with the uniqueness of the affair, the fans will get paid to see this one—paid a couple of years in form of high interest war bonds that will soon help to bring Hitler and the rest of the tottering Axis into their well-rewarded graves.

At ringside, in seats worth anywhere from $10,000 to $100,000, will be pale-faced youngsters—veterans of the campaign overseas that have guaranteed the safety of our way of life. These wounded vets of the Italian and French campaigns will take over a good portion of the ringside section—thanks to the good feeling of numerous individuals and companies who have purchased the tickets for them.

The advance sale for the bout has already topped the phenomenal figure of 20 million bucks and will probably go 'way over that by ringtime tonight.

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It has been interesting to note how the sports world has rallied to this fight. At first there were hesitancies and doubts about the thing being a success. But once it got under way it really caught on, and we are glad, for once, to see the way the papers of the city have been united in support of this affair—even those papers that have such distasteful political policies. 8-4-44

This type of unity is refreshing. Every columnist and writer in town has plugged it, every broadcaster has done the same, most of the athletes and sportsmen have gone out of their way to offer help and advice—and in general there has been a unanimous, wholehearted drive to make this war bond bout a gigantic success because most Americans see the war's end within sight and want to do everything in their power to bring it to a complete and successful conclusion so that our guys can come back from the wars to resume their peaceful ways at home.

So—it is with pleasure that we have viewed the whole thing—pleasure at the sight of such warming, thorough unity, even among people whom we have called names in the past.

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And it is entircly fitting that the two prnicipals in the fight should be Negro citizens of our country who are following in the footsteps of another great Negro athlete, Joe Louis, who three years put his title on the line twice and gave all his great earnings to the United States Navy and Army relief societies; actions unprecedented in sporting history.

Beau Jack and Bob Montgomery are leading citizens of their communities and splendid patriotic Americans. They also happen to be magnificent fighters and will give their all tonight in an effort to make the occasion an artistic as well as financial success.

They have been in the Army for some months now and perhaps may not be in the very best boxing condition—but you can be assured they'll not hold back anything in their efforts.

We don't know who's going to win tonight's fight in the ring—and frankly we don't care too much, either. 8-4-44

But we do know who's going to win the big fight overseas as we so surely know Hitler is going to lose it.

We'll see you at the Garden tonight.

Cummiskey

A Bow to the Beau and the Bobcat . .

PM – New york, N.Y.

Fittingly enough, a little Georgia shoeshine boy and a kid who had to get out early in life to help support a big family are putting everything they own on the line in the Garden Friday night for the benefit of Uncle Sam. I guess when you come right down to it, old Uncle Whiskers would do as much for them. 8-2-44

I refer, of course, to Pvt. Sidney Walker of the U. S. Army and Pvt. Bob Montgomery, ditto. You know the former as Beau Jack. The former also was lightweight champion until the latter made him ex-champion, if you follow me.

Monty and the Beau have fought three times and on each occasion the title changed hands. If anyone is the loser Friday night—as far as the gate is concerned—it will be Bobcat Bob, who would be getting the fat end of the purse this time as defending champ if the fighters were getting a dime for their services, which they aren't.

I think some one should point to the fine records our Negro kids in the service are making. It started way back when Joe Louis risked his million-dollar title, not once but twice, for free. And was ready to do it all over again until the War Dept. got its signals tangled up and the return fight between Joe and Billy Conn never came off.

Currently, Louis and Billy are carrying their act across the seas and are doing everything they're told to, as far as entertaining the boys is concerned. 8-2-44

A boxer's career is pretty short at best and so many things can go wrong before it gets a chance to reach fulfillment that these kids are really risking their entire futures in Friday's fight.

But it's for War Bonds—the house is scaled from $25 to $100,000—and both boys know that the chance is worth it. The Treasury Dept. is anxious about the smaller scale bonds—the 25s, 50s and 100s and there are 10,000 seats available for purchasers of this type of Bond.

So don't let that $100,000 price frighten you. It's the smaller ones that are really important and you have today, tomorrow and Friday to get it up for Mr. Whiskers.

So far as I know, this is the first all-Army fight being staged for War Bonds. The ill fated Louis-Conn fight was to be held at a time when Army Emergency Relief needed so much help. I guess you remember how that got all snafued wherever you turned and it ended on a truly sour note when Secretary of War Stimson stepped in and threw the whole mess out the window.

Since that time there has been talk of staging that Conn - Louis fight on the same basis as Friday's show, but folks seem to have forgotten that promoter Jacobs, not the Army, owns the right to that fight and when and if it does take place, it'll be under those conditions. 8-2-44

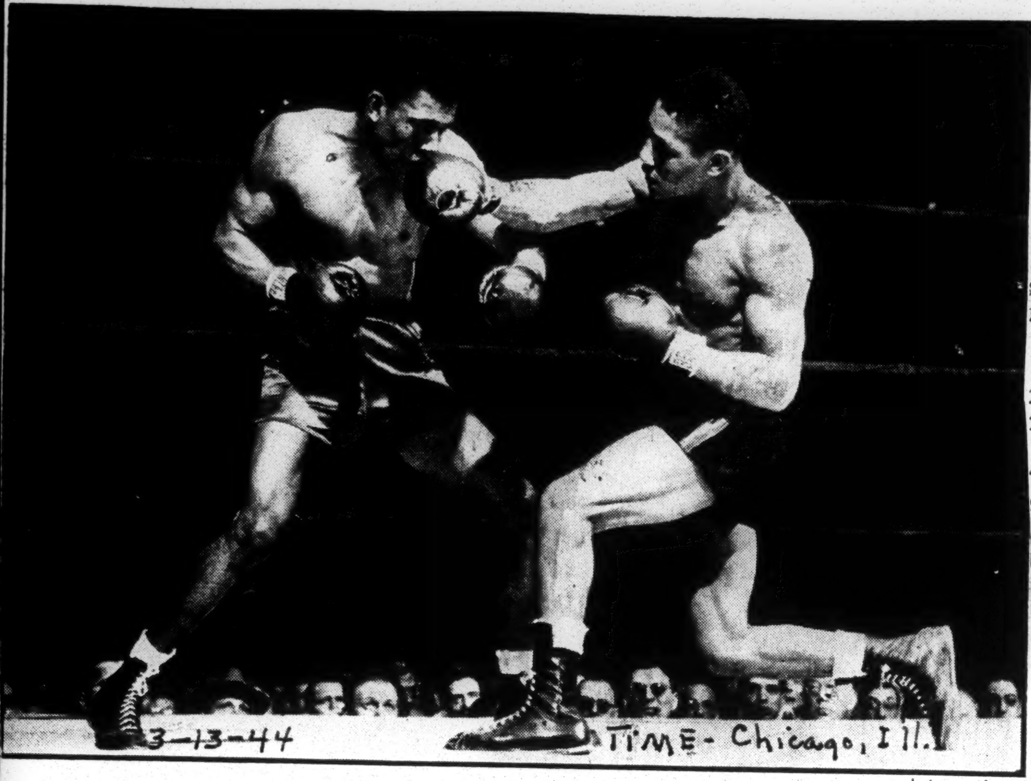
There was a time, soon after the blowup two years ago, that Mike Jacobs was willing to put the show on anywhere and for the soldiers alone. But let's not kid ourselves—Louis is in no shape to defend a heavyweight title, nor is Conn fit to try to lift it—right now.

I think, the way things are going, the happy day will come when Billy gets his chance again. I remember recently when Billy met Joe for the first time since that starry night under Coogan's Bluff when Conn came within six minutes of being the new champion.

"You know, Joe," said Billy, "I should have been walking around as champion these last two years."

"Yeah?" said Joe, ever the one to get right to the point. "How could you a-held the title for two years when you couldn't even keep it for two rounds?" 8-2-44

Anyway, Beau and Bob are laying everything they have on the line Friday night. The least we can do is get it up for War Bonds. It's quite a country when you can see the two best lightweights in the land fight for 10 rounds and get paid for it. You haven't forgotten that you still get $4 for every $3 you spend, have you?


3-13-44 TIME- Chicago, Ill.

International

BOB MONTGOMERY *v.* BEAU JACK
The crowd caused extra pressure.

Armstrong Wins Another On His Comeback Effort

Daily World- Atlanta, Ga. 3-4-44

KANSAS CITY, Mo.,—(A N P)—An aroused Henry Armstrong, striking with the deadly effectiveness of a P-38, belted Jimmy Garrison, erstwhile pride of Kansas City, into submission in five torrid rounds last Wednesday night before 7,000 fight enthusiasts.

Armstrong, starting in law gear, was content to let Garrison throw a flurry of punches, none of which landed. Shifting into second, Hammerin 'Hank brought the fans up screaming as he tied Garrison's chin to his left, then jarred it loose with a right cross. The bell saved Garrison.

Garrison, sensing Armstrong's mood, shot his bolt, an overhand right in the third heat. Henry hit coming in with a right lead. Garrison went through the ropes and was down for a nine count. Armstrong spurted, jabbing Garrison all over the ring. A left hook floored Garrison at the bell. 3-4-44

Admittedly, Armstrong had carried Garrison for the fans' entertainment. by his own modest prediction, Henry planned the climax for round four Boring in with a vengeance, the "one man gang" set the former Kansas City sensation up with a left jab and repeatedly crossed the right, flush on the button. Garrison was down for a nine count .Referee Walter Bates wanted to stop the slaughter but the bell intervened.

Boxer's Breath

TIME- Chicago, Ill.

Bob Montgomery, Philadelphia Negro challenger for Beau Jack's lightweight crown, stood naked in a noisy gathering. He was weighing in for his 15-round bout with Jack (TIME, Nov. 23, 1942) last week in Manhattan's Madison Square Garden. To be eligible, he could not tip the scales at more than 135 lb. And he was tipping them. 3-13-44

Even though he was trained to the minute and had not eaten solid food nor had a drink of water all morning, he registered slightly more than the 135-lb. mark. Chick Wergeles (rhymes with Hercules), Beau Jack's voluble little manager, let out a roar of protest. William Brush, of the Department of Weights & Measures, called it 135 lb., maybe a slight bit over, but explained that the crowd around the sensitive scales would cause enough extra pressure to account for this.

Wergeles fumed. He said the fight was off. He said Jack would fight, but not with the title at stake.* Thereupon Montgomery, with his championship chances in jeopardy because of a fraction of a pound, took a long breath and held it.

"One thirty-five."

That night, before a crowd of 19,066, Montgomery won a split decision over Beau Jack and regained the lightweight championship. He won by some cool, canny boxing—and by holding his breath.

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* The title at stake was the New York State Athletic Commission version of the lightweight "world championship." The National Boxing Association, recognized by 37 states, also has a "world champion" lightweight, Sammy Angott, who fights once more before meeting Montgomery March 31.

SURVEYING THE SPORTS FRONT

By Joel W. Smith

BOB MONTGOMERY BOUNCES BACK WITH UPSET VICTORY OVER JACK

Daily World- Atlanta, Ga. 3-5-44

Bob Montgomery, the Philly Bobcat turned in the most amazing performance of his boxing career, when he upset Beau Jack (Sidney Walker) to regain the New York State lightweight championship. In spite of his unimpressive showing against Al Davis two weeks ago, Montgomery put on a clever exhibition of boxing to defeat one of the toughest fighters in the boxing game. Monty's sensational victory may be attributed to the fact that he packs a plenty of power in his punches. At intervals throughout the fight he scored with sharp rights and left, that completely dazzled the defending champion. On the other hand, the ever-popular Beau Jack definitely had speed and stamina, and what is more, showed the overflow crowd that he could absorb a plenty punishment. Montgomery is now slated to meet Sammy Angott, who is recognized by the National Boxing Association as lightweight king for the undisputed championship. This bout is scheduled for the Garden on March 31. Meanwhile, Jack who is expecting "greetings" from his Uncle Sam in April will return to action, March 17 for a bout with Davis.

JACK. MONTGOMERY. BIVINS SHARE SPOTLIGHT WITH BAKSI AND DAVIS

3-5-44

Beau Jack, Bob Montgomery and Jimmy Bivins have had a monopoly on practically all of the "big-time" boxing engagements since Uncle Sam took Joe Louis, Ray Robinson, Willie Pep, Gus Lesnevich, Tony Gale, Freddie Cochrane, and other well-known boxers out of circulation. Recently, these three sepia fighters have been forced to share the sports spotlight with Joe Baksi and Al Davis. The fact is, Davis did not rate among the welterweights. Now that he has scored a 63-second kayo over Monty in an over-the-weight match in Madison Square Garden, he will probably see plenty of action for the remainder of 1944. Baksi, rated No. 8 among the heavyweights has "skyrocketed" to fame by topping Tami Mauriello, the No. 2 contender. The sensational rise of these two newcomers will stimulate much more interest in boxing. and it is no secret that Mike Jacobs is a very busy man these days.

BEAU JACK BOUNCES BACK IN SPOTLIGHT WITH SENSATIONAL VICTORY OVER DAVIS

Daily World- Atlanta, Ga.

3-19-44

Unpredictable Beau Jack, (Sidney Walker) of Augusta, Georgia bounced back into the fistic spotlight, Friday night with a sensational victory over Al Davis, conqueror of Bob Montgomery, the New York State lightweight king. Jack continued his reputation as the greatest drawing card in present-day boxng crcles, with a sellout crowd of 19,964 fans packing the Garden for this bout and paying $132,823. The writer has frequently pointed out that while a great fighter, Beau Jack lacks a "knockout" punch, but the Augusta battler had a plenty of "dynamite" in his blows against Davis. In the light of Davis' stunning victory over Bob Montgomery, it appeared that the experts were "going out on a limb" in picking Jack to win, but for the first time in weeks, the wise-guys were right. Among the recent upsets in the Garden were Davis' win over Montgomery Joe Baski's vctory over Tami Mauriello; and Montgomery's triumph over Jack. Then on the West Coast, Juan Zurita toppled Sammy Angott, the NBA lightweight king to throw a "bomb-shell" in the previously announced Angott-Montgomery bout. Recently, Montgomery has been advised to rest, and Beau Jack will substitute and meet the Mexican fighter in the Garden on March 31. Jack will go down in history as a brilliant little fighter, with a plenty of stamina. He was virtually unknown when his manager Charles Wergeles succeeded in getting him en the spotlight

Since that time, he has put in several appearances in Madison Square Garden, and with Joe Louis, Ray Robinson and other sterling performers in the armed forces has been the greatest boxing attraction in the country.

Beau Jack, Davis and Preliminary Fighters Will Contribute $15,000 to the Red Cross

Times-New York, N.Y.

3-19-44

By JOSEPH C. NICHOLS

Beau Jack flew to his home town of Augusta, Ga., yesterday. The former lightweight champion of the world, who decisively trounced the welterweight, Al Davis, at Madison Square Garden on Friday night, carried with him a check for $3,677, which represented 10 per cent of his earnings from the Davis clash. He will donate this sum to the Augusta chapter of the Red Cross. In addition, he will give $1,000 to the New York chapter.

Davis also made a substantial contribution to the Red Cross. The Brooklyn boxer, who received $33,945 for his night's work, donated 10 per cent of that sum and an additional $1,000 to the New York Chapter. In all, the Red Cross is expected to benefit in the amount of $15,000 from the program that was headed by Jack and Davis. The fighters who participated in the preliminary contests are expected to make their contributions within the next few days.

Although the crowd that witnessed Friday's clash did not reach record proportions, the receipts, amounting to $132,823, established two standards. They proved the largest amount ever attracted by a show selling tickets at $16.50 tops in the Garden and also constituted the largest total ever drawn by fighters other than heavyweights in the Eighth Avenue arena. The record crowd—23,190—was drawn by the Henry Armstrong-Fritzie Zivic clash of Jan. 7, 1941, a clash which drew $78,242. 3-19-44

Jack will remain in Augusta until the middle of the week. The fighter, who is married and has three children, was recently placed in 1-A, and he will seek to find out when he is due to report for induction while he is there. On his return to New York, Jack immediately will resume training for his bout with Juan Zurita.

The pair are slated to meet in a ten-round clash at the Garden on March 31. Zurita, who recently won the N. B. A. version of the lightweight championship of the world from Sammy Angott, will not be risking his crown against Jack, since the rivals have agreed to weigh over the class limit of 135 pounds. 3-19-44

Zurita, a resident of Los Angeles, will arrive in New York tomorrow. His manager, George Parnassus, is expected in town today.

MONTGOMERY WINS LIGHTWEIGHT TITLE

Times-New York, N.Y.

Referee Casts Deciding Vote Against Beau Jack in Split Verdict in Garden Ring

3-5-44

By JOSEPH C. NICHOLS

Bob Montgomery made it two out of three over Beau Jack by defeating the Augusta (Ga.) boxer in 15 rounds at Madison Square Garden last night. The Philadelphia Negro, pacing himself splendidly against his jumping jack foeman, captured the decision by a vote of 2 to 1, and in so doing regained the New York version of the world lightweight championship, the same title he had won from Jack last May and had lost to the Southern Negro last November.

The scrap, in which wrestling was featured far more than the manly art of self-defense, attracted 19,066 fans, who paid $111,954 to witness a contest that held few dramatic moments. It was the largest crowd of the indoor boxing season.

To most observers there was no question about Montgomery's triumph. Yet when Announcer George Kobb declared Judge Marty Monroe had voted for Jack, eight rounds to seven, there were some misgivings as to the actual winner that resulted in hoots of disagreement with Monroe's card.

The crowd became still when informed Judge Bill Healy had decided in Montgomery's favor, eight to six, with one round even, and when Referee Young Otto's ballot, reading the same as Healy's, was made public, the house roared with approval. This observer counted nine rounds for Montgomery and six for Jack. 3-5-44

Jack Springs to Attack

Hoping to catch Montgomery "cold" as the result of the latter's 56-second knockout defeat at the hands of Al Davis two weeks ago, Jack sprang into furious action in the first round. He opened with a long right to the head, and followed by sending a stream of lefts to the body.

Montgomery offered little in return until the second round, when he outscored the titleholder with his short rights to the head against Jack's light uppercuts. In the third Montgomery brought his long right into action, sending it to Beau's jaw repeatedly and deftly avoiding the champion's choppy lefts.

Jack appeared to good advantage in the next frame, weathering a heavy right to the jaw and coming back to outpunch Bob in toe-to-toe exchanges. From that point on, though, Jack seemed on the way out. For the next five rounds Montgomery smothered the champion, forcing the action into close quarters and making Jack fight exactly as he wanted. The most effective punch in these sessions was a left hook to the body by Bob in the eighth.

Jack got going again in the tenth and outscored his rival easily by means of a series of speedy left hooks to the head. The Georgian continued these tactics in the next three rounds and Montgomery's early lead was threatened, but the challenger had enough left to take the last two frames with sharp body punching.

Montgomery's Weight Disputed

Chick Wergeles, manager of Jack, provoked a wordy wrangle at the State Athletic Commission headquarters in the afternoon, when the fighters weighed in. After Jack stepped on the scales and registered his 134 pounds, Montgomery followed. Deputy Commissioner James Bruno, conducting the ceremony, announced the challenger's poundage as 135, whereupon Wergeles loudly protested, insisting that Montgomery weighed a fraction more.

The fighter stepped on the scales again, and once more Bruno announced "135," but still Wergeles was not satisfied. He threatened to withdraw Jack from the contest, and also threatened to claim Montgomery's forfeit.

William Brush of the Department of Weights and Measures was summoned and he, too, found Montgomery's weight to be 135. Wergeles was only slightly mollified by this last finding, declaring that Jack would be permitted to go through with the fight but that he would not regard the lightweight championship at stake.

Pete Lello, veteran lightweight from Gary, Ind., pounded out a decision over Al Guido of Harlem in the six-round semi-final. Lello closed strongly to defeat his youthful foe, who was willing to trade punches at all times. The weights were 133¼ for Lello and 134¼ for Guido. 3-5-44

Fitzpatrick Stops Kendrick

Fitzy Fitzpatrick, 166, Cleveland, knocked out Bill Kendrick, 170¼, Newark, N. J., in 2:09 of the third of a scheduled six-round bout. Kendrick appeared to have the edge until he ran into a wild right that draped him over the ropes in the third. Fitzpatrick followed with another long right to the jaw that floored the Clevelander for the full count.

Jackie Leamus, 134½, Harlem, outpointed Joey Manfro, 140½, the Bronx, in another six-rounder. In the opening four Bobby Smith, 128¼, Philadelphia, defeated Archie Wilmer, 120¾, Wilmington, Del., while Hubert Samuels, 129½, Philadelphia, drew with George Cooper, 128, Harlem, in the four-round fight that followed the semi-final.

Beau Jack Gives Red Cross $3,678

Daily World-Atlanta Ga.

3-26-44

AUGUSTA, Ga.—(A N P) — A check for the Augusta Red Cross the sum of $3,678.43, ten percent of his purse accompanied Sidney Walker. "Beau Jack," of boxing fame, when he arrived in the city Saturday after his defeat Friday night of Al Davis Brooklyn boxer, at Madison Square Garden.

Beau Jack, former New York lightweight champion, won a ten round decision over Davis in one of his stiffiest fights. Two of the judges however gave Beau Jack nine rounds while another claimed that he had the better of Davis in all ten rounds of the fight.

'Ring' Places Bivins at Top; Snubs the Beau

Afro-American

Baltimore, Md.

1-1-44

NEW YORK — Three colored fighters were placed at the top of their respective divisions in national boxing ratings published by Ring Magazine, here late last week, although Beau Jack was deprived of the lightweight championship that had been bestowed upon him by the New York State Athletic Commission.

The trio of top-ranking biffers, according to the widely-popular fight magazine, are Jimmy Bivins, Cleveland heavyweight; Lloyd Marshall, light-heavy from Sacramento, Cal., and Ray (Sugar) Robinson, welterweight titleholder now in the Army.

Beau Jack, publisher Nat Fleischer explains, is shorn of his crown along with Sammy Angott, recognized as kingpin of the lightweights by the National Boxing Association, because neither earned the honor through a real elimination tournament after Angott retired in November of 1942. Jack was recognized after he knocked out Tippy Larkin, and Angott was restored by the NBA following his win over Slugger White on points.

Incidentally, the lightweight division has given boxing experts many speculative days during the past year, according to Fleischer, and his rankings place Bob Montgomery directly behind the "outstanding contender," classification jointly given Jack and Angott. Nate Bolden, of Chicago, is another promising fighter who has gained some attention, he being rated second among light heavies.

The ratings follow:

Heavyweight—**JIMMY BIVINS**, Cleveland; Tami Mauriello, New York; **LEE Q. Murray**, Norwalk, Conn.; Melio Bettina, Beacon, N.Y. and U.S. Army; **TURKEY THOMPSON**, Los Angeles; Gus Dorazio, Philadelphia; Lee Savold, Paterson, N.J.; Joe Baksi, Scranton, Pa.; **BUDDY WALKER**, Columbus, Ohio, and U.S. Army; Joey Maxim, Cleveland and U.S. Army; Pat Valentino, San Francisco, and U.S. Army.

Light heavyweight—**LLOYD MARSHALL**, Sacramento, Calif.; **NATE BOLDEN**, Chicago; Freddy Mills, England; Anton Christoforidis, Cleveland, and U.S. Navy; **ALABAMA KID**, Australia; Jack McNamee, Australia; **JACK JOHNSON**, Australia; Jack Coggins, San Diego; **EZZARD CHARLES**, Cincinnati; Johnny Colan, New York, and U.S. Coast Guard.

Middleweight—Jake Lamotta, New York; Joe Basora, Puerto Rico; Jack Chase, Denver; Holman Williams, Detroit; Steve Belloise, New York, and U.S. Navy; **ARCHIE MOORE**, St. Louis; **CHARLEY BURLEY**, Pittsburgh; Coley Welch, Portland, Me.; Kid Tunero, Havana; George Kochan, Akron, Ohio, and U.S. Coast Guard; Joe Carter, Rome, N.Y.; George (Sonny) Horne, Niles, Ohio, and Merchant Marine Corps.

Welterweight—**RAY ROBINSON**, New York and U.S. Army; Fritzie Zivic, Pittsburgh; **HENRY ARMSTRONG**, Los Angeels; **COCO KID**, New Haven, Conn.; California **JACKIE WILSON**, Los Angele, and U.S. Army; Jimmy Garrison, Kansas City; Paul Lewis, Oakland, Calif.; Earl Turner, Richmond, Va., and U.S. Coast Guard; Antonio Fernandez, Chile; Tommy Bell, Youngstown, Pa.; Tippy Larkin, Garfield, N.J.; Carlos Malaoara, Mexico City; Cecil Hudson, Hollywood; **JIMMY McDANIELS**, Los Angeles; Frankie Wills, Washington. 1-1-44

Lightweight——Sammy Angott, Washington, Pa., and **BEAU JACK**, Augusta, Ga.; **BOB MONTGOMERY**, Philadelphia; Bobby Ruffin, New York; **IKE WILLIAMS**, Trenton, N.J.; **SLUGGER WHITE**, Baltimore; **WILLIE JOYCE**, Gary, Ind.; Juan Zuarita, Mexico; Ronnie James, Swansea, England, and R. A. F.; Johnny Greco, Montreal and Canadian Army; Terry Young, New York; Lulu Costantino, New York.

Featherweight—Willie Pep, Hartford, Conn., and U.S. Navy; **CHALKY WRIGHT**, Los Angeles; Sal Bartola, Boston; Larry Bolvin, Providence, R.I.; Harry Jefra, Baltimore; Phil Terranova, New York (N.B.A. champ); Maurice (Lefty) LeChance, Lismon, Me.; Tony Costa, Woonsocket, R.I., and U.S. Army; Jackie Wilson, Pittsburgh; Pedro Hernandez, Puerto Rico; Len Davies, England; Nel Tarleton, England; Freddy Pope, Columbus; Jackie Callura, Hamilton, Ont.

Armstrong Wins TKO Over Perry

Daily World

5-24-44

Atlanta, Ga.

WASHINGTON — (SNS) Hammering Henry Armstrong, once triple title holder of boxing, and one of the greatest little fighting men in history, proved himself the master of an up-and-coming youngster by stopping Aaron Perry, DC welterweight hopeful, in the sixth round of a scheduled 10-frame bout on Monday night, to win by a technical knockout. 5-24-44

Perry was game to the core but Army's experience was used to a great advantage over th youth.

Beau Jack Is Now At Fort Benning

Atlanta Daily World

Atlanta, Ga. 6-4-44

FORT BENNING, Ga.—Pvt. Sidney Walker, of Augusta, who fought as Beau Jack and held the world's lightweight title for some years, is now in the Army, having been sworn in Wednesday by Lt. James M. Cok, induction officer at the Fort Benning reception Center. He was assigned to the Special Training unit, where he will study certain educational fundamentals while learning his drill and other details of a soldier's life. He will also assist Technical Sergeant Bryant Bass, Atlanta, who is physical and boxing instructor for the reception center.

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Boxing

Thompson-Murray Garden Scrap Couldn't Happen Years Ago

Courier-Journal
Louisville, Ky. 8-28-44

Negro Fighters Had Tough Time Getting Top Billing With Johnson, Langford and Mills Among Many Who Were Given the Run-Around

By BOB CONSIDINE, International News Service Sports Writer.

New York, July 27 (INS)—Time was when the Messrs. Turkey Thompson and Lee Q. Murray would have as much chance of heading a boxing bill at Madison Square Garden as they would have of being asked to join Tex Rickard's six hundred millionaires. But they top the bill tomorrow night.

Tempus fugits and the boxing world changes. The only all-colored heavyweight main event we ever saw at the Garden was between Joe Louis and John Henry Lewis. In one round John Henry took a beating comparable to Bugs Baer's famous chicken hatched in an egg beater and they dragged him away like a lumpy sack of beans. After the fight we asked the mild-mannered Louis why he had been so rough on his friend.

THREATS

"I figured I was doin' him a favor," Joe solemnly answered. "If I had let him say a few rounds he mighta got cut."

That feeling—if you can call it that—is typical of an understable conradery which has caused leading promoters to view all-colored main events with considerable suspicion. In the early days a Negro fighter rarely got a chance to fight for the heavyweight title or, if he did, he was heavily handcuffed by threats. Sam Langford, considered by many old-timers the finest natural fist fighter ever to appear in this country, never got a chance at the crown. Few good heavies wanted any part of this stumpy, tremendous puncher. He had to fight colored men, for the vastly greater part. 8-28-44

JOHNSON 1ST

The same was generally true of Joe Jeannette, who fought Jack Johnson, Langford and Sam McVey about a dozen times each. They fought few white fighters. To make a living, these men had to fight each other wherever and whenever anybody wanted their services. They took things easy, the winer seldom winning by any great margin. They didn't want to hurt the other's reputation, or lessen interest in return matches, which were their meal-tickets.

Johnson finally broke through because Jim Jeffries had abandoned the crown. After he knocked out the husk of Jeffries in 15 rounds at Reno on July 4, 1910, he did most of the remainder of his fighting in Paris, Madrid, Mexico City and Havana. He still claims he was coerced into selling out in his title fight against Jess Willard, April 5, 1915, in Cuba.

HERO

8-28-44

In the 1920's we had the case of Harry Wills, and his efforts to fight Dempsey. Joe Louis eventually broke the spell and became a great national peacetime hero by reason of his modest sportsmanship. But Louis, too, fought no colored men until, out of friendship and a general dearth of opponents, he gave John Henry Lewis a shot.

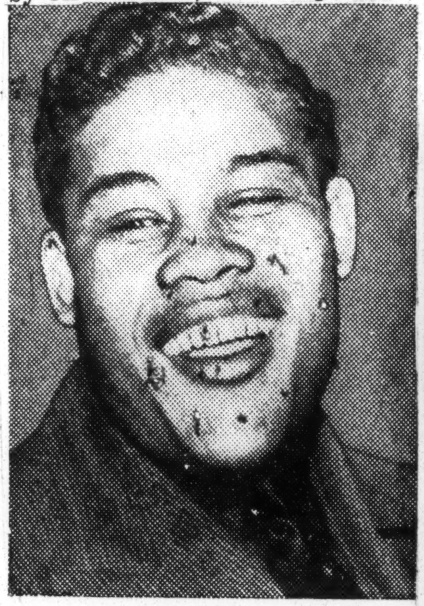
Colored fighters did better for themselves when Louis was around. But in the past year, Turkey Thompson has had only two fights. Nobody wants to grapple with the bull-chested battler. Murray has had trouble along these lines. The upshot is that Mike Jacobs has matched the two of them.

Neither is very enthusiastic about the match and they profess to have accepted terms only because a decisive victory by either man will send him up into the lowly upper bracket of modern heavyweights—the Baksis, Mauriellos and Savolds.

STUMPED

Here's a baseball question that stumped Connie Mack, Eddie Collins, Bob Quinn, Tommy Connolly and other distinguished old timers:

"Why is it that, during a game, a pitcher in the box can make a bluff throw to second or third, if either or both bases are occupied, but if a pitcher bluffs a throw to first with a man on that base the bluff constitutes a balk?"



Joe Louis
Helped Negro Boxers Get Breaks

The question was thought up by Al Mamaux, the old pitcher-tenor who is now the athletic director for a federal telephone and radio corporation of Newark, N. J.

Mamaux placed the query in a sports quiz for the company's 11,000 employes. He got almost that many different replies. Confused, he called on the deans of baseball lore, but none knew the answer, nor is the rule book clear on the matter. The book ignores the reasoning behind the old practice.

OFFICE BOY

In the nick of time, the answer arrived. It was supplied by a 16-year-old office boy at the plant, named Jimmie Mathewson. He's apparently one of those frightening children who memorize batting averages and middle initials of bench-warmers. He wrote:

"A runner on second or third is in scoring position, and a runner on first normally is not. A pitcher could delay the game too long by making bluffs at first, which would be stalling. The reason the rule was instituted was that when it was made base running had become an art, and was important in winning games."

Beau Jack Gets His Honors

Daily World Atlanta, Ga.

8-18-44

"The uncrowned lightweight champion of the world." That's the way Fort Benning, Georgia buddies of Private Sidney Walker, the Fighting Beau Jack of fistana, feel about their ring idol since his defeat of Bob Montgomery in a ten-round bout at famed Madison Square Garden in New York City. The "Bob Cat" who holds the world lightweight championship, was plastered with left hooks, bolo punches, and uppercuts by Beau Jack, but the fight was a non title go. Beau Jack won the decision and increased prestige as a fighter, Montgomery retained his title, and Uncle Sam collected a total of $35,864,000 on war bonds, admission price to the fight. Montgomery is stationed at Keesler Field, Miss. 8-18-44

Brig. General William H. Hobson, Post Commander of Fort Benning, congratulates Beau Jack during an old-fashioned jamboree given in his honor by the 2nd company, 1st Battalion, Special Training Unit, Reception Center, last Friday night, August 11. Lieutenant Harbert Gruber, company officer, who made arrangements for the party, is shown center, facing camera. (U. S. ARMY SIGNAL CORPS).

Perry Climbed Fence to See Idol

Daily Worker — New York, N.Y.

By PHIL GORDON

8-16-44

Aaron Perry climbed over the fence surrounding Griffith Stadium in Washington, D. C., to see his first major fight—that between Joe Louis and Buddy Baer on May 23, 1941. . . .

Perry tried to keep the story of his fence-climbing exploit from Mike Jacobs because Jacobs was the promoter of the Washington bout and is also the promoter of the bout between Perry and Jimmy McDaniels headlining the Madison Square Garden card on Friday, Aug. 18. . . .

Aaron feared Jacobs might deduct the price of a Louis-Buddy Baer fight ticket from his purse. . . . Jacobs has assured him he wouldn't. . . .

8-15-44

Perry was born in Monroe, N. C., Feb. 19, 1926. . . . As a youngster he worked on a farm in Monroe, guiding a hand-plow. . . . Perhaps that accounts for his huge hands, which are as large as a heavyweight's. . . . When Aaron was 12 his family moved to Washington. . . . A younger brother, Henry, got him interested in boxing. . . . Henry took Aaron to a Police Boys Club in Washingt , where Henry had .

been boxing with the kids. . . . Aaron decided he'd like to put the gloves on himself. . . .

A few years later he represented the 12th St. YMCA in the National AAU tournament at Boston and lost out in the finals. . . . He had 30 bouts in the simon-pures, won 27. . . One day, a few months after the Nationals, Harry Garsh, veteran fight manager, visited the "Y" and saw Perry working out. . . . He liked the boy's form and when inquiry revealed that no one was handling the boy, Garsh offered to manage him. . . . Perry readily agreed. . . .

A tremendous puncher. Perry's style reminds boxing men of Joe Louis and he has been called the Junior Brown Bomber. . . . He has made two previous Garden starts, trouncing Freddie Addeo, flattening Joes Manfro in less than two minutes. . . . Both these bouts took place earlier this year. . . . In all, he has had 13 bouts so far in '44, winning 10 and scoring seven knockouts. . . . 8-15-44

Perry's great-grandfather was a full-blooded Cherokee Indian and his great-grandmother is still living in Monroe. . . . She is 93. . . .

MONTGOMERY-JACK AT BOND MEETING

8-1-44

Will Undergo Physical Check Ups Today for Bout in the Garden on Friday Night

Bob Montgomery, the light weight champion, and Beau Jack former titleholder, both now privates in the Army, attended a meeting of the War Finance Committee at the RKO Building yesterday, then went to Stillman's gymnasium to prepare for Friday night's ten-round non-title War Bond boxing match at Madison Square Garden. They will appear before the State Athletic Commission today for physical check-ups.

At the meeting it was stressed that the committee and Promoter Mike Jacobs were anxious to have a great volume of individual sales for the forthcoming show, to which admission will be by War Bond purchase only. It was held particularly desirable that the lower priced seats move rapidly. There will be 5,000 seats available for buyers of bonds of $25 and $50 denominations and another 5,000 at $100 each. Bond prices for seats range all the way up to $100,000.

'UNCLE SAM' WISHES THEM BOTH LUCK

Pvts. Bob Montgomery (left) and Beau Jack, who meet in a War Bond bout in the Garden on Friday, comparing their charm pieces yesterday. N.Y. Times N.Y. N.Y.

Jack boxed with Monty Pignatore and Solomon Stewart and featured the workout by knocking down Stewart with a right hand at the end of the first round. He also went a round with T/Sgt. Bryant Bass, a boxing instructor, who accompanied the fighter from Fort Benning, Ga., and invited future trouble by showing the sergeant no mercy. 8-1-44

Montgomery had a one-round session wtih Harold Smith and a two-round drill with Paddy Quinn, both 138-pounders.

Greed Killed Lem Franklin, Not the Blows of Larry Lane

Call — Kansas City, Mo.

8-25-44

By DON DE LEIGHBUR

NEW YORK.—The arrest the other week of heavyweight boxer Larry Lane, 26, of Trenton, N. J., on a technical charge of manslaughter growing out of the death of Lem Franklin, 26-year-old fighter from Chicago via Cleveland, was an idle gesture. To my way of thinking, the whole thing is a farce.

Franklin is dead because somebody encouraged him in a dangerous proposition that he was still capable of earning his living fighting with his fists long after his usefulness and ability in the ring had passed. Franklin died of injuries he suffered in a bout July 24 with Lane at Newark, N. J. 8-25-44

Franklin died, declared Dr. Harrison S. Martland, chief medical examiner of Essex County, N. J., from "a type of injury where surgery offered no hope." The autopsy revealed, he said, "that Franklin had been struck in the middle of the forehead and multiple concussion hemorrhages of the brain resulted." The doctor said that subdural clots form and an operation usually may save the injured person's life.

State Athletic Commissioner of New Jersey John J. Hall said at Trenton that there was no sign of any pre-existent injury evident when Franklin was examined by a commission physician on the day he fought Lane. "Accidents such as the Franklin case have occurred and will continue to happen as long as contact sports carry on," he said. "We must admit this as well as the fact that medical science has not yet found a way to tell, prior to a contest, the complete story of conditions inside an athlete's head."

At his peak, Franklin had 21 straight victories, 19 by knockouts. His decline was rapid and started with the knockout he suffered at the hands of Bob Pastor at Cleveland in 1942.

Insisted on Comeback

Jack Hurley declared in Chicago: "He wanted to fight and liked the money that went with it, and I could not do anything to make him quit. I knew he wasn't going to get any place in the fight game and I finally made him retire last August but he insisted on a comeback. He insisted on another fight, so I let him have the Lane fight with the agreement that it would be his last. I took his father with me to the Lane fight to talk him into retirement again. I had nothing against Lane: it was just one of those things." 8-25-44

Hurley is right. He shouldn't hold anything against Lane. But boxing should hold something against him (Hurley3. All that talk about Franklin insisting on another fight and how "I let him have the Lane fight" adds up to the fact that Hurley put money ahead of the fact that the man he managed, his own charge, was in condition to go into any ring. Sure, a complete boxing commission examination stamped him O.K. for the fight. Many fellows get in the army after passing the most rigid physical test on record, but that doesn't prove they belong there based on their endurance and ability to keep up with the rest of the GI's.

Hurley could have disowned Franklin completely. There was no gun on him forcing him to get fights for a cracked up boxer. Larry Lane fought to all known reports an honest, fair fight. That's all he could do. That Franklin was the victim of greed was no business of his. That is why Lane's arrest seems so absurd. It's complete farce. Exonerate the boy!!

Wright to Conclude Heavy Training Today

Post — Washington, D.C.

9-4-44

Labor Day will be just that for Bee Bee Wright, inasmuch as the Pittsburgh welterweight puncher will do at least four more rounds of sparring this afternoon as a final sharpening move for his 10-round clash with Nick Latsios tomorrow night at Clark Griffith's greensward.

The Latsios camp has declared for a layoff today, as Trainer Naiman Massey is satisfied the tanned Nick is perfectly tuned for the bout that means so much to his future status as a Washington attraction.

Knockout Expected

That the fight—the third between these two rivals, with each holding a previous victory—will end inside the 10-round limit is the belief of the large galleries of railbirds watching each boy train. Moreover, both Bee Bee and Latsios agree. Each is on record with a declaration he can win in that fashion.

Despite Wright's great improvement, as shown by the fact he tronced Frankie Wills and Latsios in recent weeks, Latsios thinks he can stop the Pittsburgher inside five rounds. He has reason to feel that it is the most critical bout of his career, and he intends to win it. 9-4-44

Latsios Must Gamble

Latsios realizes he must gamble the works and win by a knockout, to fully establish his status here as top welterweight, now that Aaron Perry has faded.

BEE BEE WRIGHT

The crafty Greek made a courageous, but chiefly defensive fight in going the route with Armstrong. Now he intends to prove he can be aggressive and win with his stout right hand, the punch that enabled him to k. o. Wright here last spring.

Boxing

Youths Train For Golden Gloves Meet Next Month

Call- Kansas City, Mo. 1-7-44

Jack Best Drawing Card in '43

Will Meet Angott January 28; a Bout on Jan. 7

NEW YORK — Beau Jack, the lightweight champion recognized by New York, New Jersey and Pennsylvania, was the best drawing card in the Garden here since heavyweight kingpin Joe Louis donned khaki. Appearing in six of the 22 shows staged in the house that Rickard built, promoted by Mike Jacobs, Jack drew 111,397 fans with the receipt of these six fights totaling $481,415. The shows netted $1,136,228, and drew 322,512. With more shows scheduled this month the Garden expects to eclipse last year's figures.

In his first bout with Montgomery the Beau drew 18,834 for a net gate of $94,500, on May 21. The second Jack-Monty go, in which Beau regained his title on Nov. 17, 17,866 saw the fisticuffs.

Jack has now been signed to do battle with the punching Lulu Costanino on January 7, and then face Sammy Angott, the NBA title-holder on January 28. If Beau Jack comes through the winner of these two, he will definitely pack the Garden and probably set a new attendance record as a drawing card when he meets Bob Montgomery in March in the third meeting of the pair. The Monty bout fans and boxing experts agree looms as the toughest match of all three. Some believe that Bobby Ruffin who recently lost a close one to Sammy Angott should be given another crack at the Beau. 1-7-44

Ruffin met Jack when others side-tracked him, and won handily. Of course that was before Jack regained his title from Montgomery. At any rate Jack is the best mit bet when it comes to drawing the fight fans, since Louis became a soldier-nephew of your Uncle Samuel.

As the holiday ends youths at the Gateway and Garrison athletic clubs are busy getting in to shape for the annual Golden Gloves tournament of champions which gets underway Feb. 14, 15 and 19 at the Municipal auditorium.

Champions from here will compete in the national championships in Chicago Feb. 27, 27, March 1 and 10.

Returning this year under the Gateway banners as a 126-pounder is Major Jones, who was last year's Golden Glove flyweight winner. Another youth who will probably see action in the open tournament is John Donnelly, lightheavyweight.

Another group of boxers to be seen in action is a group of fighters from Ft. Riley under the supervision of Lt Austin Ojibway, who returns for a second time this year. Assisting with the group will be Cpl. Leroy Jeffery, a former Gateway product and a former Golden Glove champion. Soldiers from Ft. Leonard Wood, Camp Sherman and Ft. Leavenworth will be seen in action. 1-7-44 Action for the bouts will be contained in one ring and on the first two nights first and second round bouts in all weights will be held. The semi-finals and finals will be held on the last night, Feb. 19.

Beau Hard Pressed By Constantino

Journal & Guide
Norfolk, Va.

Chick Wergeles Hard Pressed By Commission

1-15-44

NEW YORK—Beau Jack, the hot and cold fighter of 1943, began his 1944 campaign neither hot nor cold as he earned a close decision over Lulu Constantino in Madison Square Garden last Friday night.

Meanwhile his handler, Chick Wergeles, found that he might prove the "hot" manager of 1944 as he was hauled before the New York State Athletic Commission to answer certain questions on his actions before the fight and statements made after the battle.

JACK FIGHTS BACK

Jack really had to fight back in the late heats to edge Constantino in the non-title scrap. Vote of the judges was 5-4 with a round even. Referee Eddie Josephs is reported to have voted for the loser, scoring only two rounds for the Beau.

And therein lies of Wergeles tale.

The fiery manager is reported to have said he would not fight Beau in New York—where he was made champion and where he is recognized as the lightweight titleholder—unless he got "protection," inferring protection from Josephs, so the commission thinks.

Before the alleged statement Wergeles was already in hot water for he didn't get the Beau to the Garden until 8:10 p. m., ten minutes late accoring to the rulemakers. He must also swer for the breach of regulat

TO FIGHT ANGO

The manage nediately changed his min about fighting in Ne wYork, which surprised no ne, and revealed that Jack would through with his scheduled ht with Sammy Angott on Jan ry 28. 1-15-44

"I guess I was a little excited ut the things I said," he con sed. "I still think that feree ut of line."

Beau Jack's $200

Sends Drive Over Top

AUGUSTA, Ga.—(ANP)—A check from Beau Jack, lightweight champion, to Alvin McAuliffe, local business man, helped the colored general canvass group meet its quota of $3,000 for the local United War Chest Campaign, which recently closed.

"The thoughtful attitude of Beau Jack makes us feel very deeply the spirit that must have moved him," remarked Guy H. Merry, campaign chairman in acknowledging the contribution.

Colored citizens had a $3,000 quota and were lacking $200 when the colorful fighter made his contribution, it was learned.

Armstrong, in Defeat, Gets $10,881 Purse

Tribune, Chicago, Ill.
6-4-44

Henry Armstrong left for New York yesterday disappointed, but not discouraged, over Willie Joyce's upset victory over him in their 10 round battle in Chicago Stadium on Friday.

Armstrong, whose setback snapped his string of 10 straight triumphs, headed for the east and his next start—a 10 round encounter with Al [Bummy] Davis in Madison Square Garden June 15—enriched by a $10,881 purse, an item which served as balm for his injured feelings.

The former featherweight, lightweight, and welterweight champion thought he deserved the decision and so did neutral observers in the crowd of 10,387, which contributed to a gross gate of $35,552.

Henry Carries Fight.

Armstrong appeared to have an edge in the first, third, fourth, sixth, and 10th rounds. He may not be the terror of old but he remains an aggressive, tireless, two fisted fighter. He chased his dancing, elusive foe all thru the exciting battle. An unintentional low blow cost Armstrong the fifth round and perhaps a victory.

Joyce, who collected $4,080, outscored Armstrong in the seventh, eighth, and ninth. He got on his bicycle again in the last round and remained on it despite boos from the spectators.

Joyce Looks to New York.

These catcalls didn't bother Joyce, however, because the fans did a good job of rooting for him all thru the preceding nine rounds, a fact which might have swayed the officials' opinion.

Meanwhile, Joyce, 1937 Chicagoland Golden Gloves featherweight title holder, is looking forward to some lucrative bouts in New York on the strength of his second decision over Henry in three fights.

Beau Won, But 'Ref' Didn't Think So

Courier- Pittsburg, Pa. 1-15-44

Judges Vote for Jack as Referee Gives Lulu Eight of Ten Rounds..Causing Victor's Pilot to Shout "Robber"

NEW YORK—While his manager was being called before the New York State Athletic commission to explain his "beef" about Referee Eddie Josephs, Beau Jack, the lightweight king, was resting up a bit this week before embarking on another training siege, which will lead him to an all-important fight with Sammy Angott, Jan. 28.

Unblemished from his non-title swing session with the evasive Lulu Costantino in the Garden last Friday night, which he won in a rather unimpressive style, Beau Jack will now turn his attention to the Angott bout.

WERGELES ANGRY

Meantime his manager, Chick Wergeles, is staill incensed about Eddie Josephs' vote for Costantino last Friday night. Although Beau won on a split decision, Chick hollered "robber" when Josephs gave Costantino eight rounds and Jack only two. Judges Marty Monroe and Bob Cunningham each gave Jack five, Lulu four and called one even.

Major General John J. Phelan, chairman of the commission, called Wergles before him Tuesday to explain "serious statements regarding the commission's staff of referees and judges," and also to explain why he did not have Beau Jack at the Garden last Friday night by 8 o'clock. Phelan referred to the rule requiring main bout principals to be in the Garden not later than 8 o'clock. He said the fighter and his manager did not appear until 8:10 p.m. The commissioner said Wergeles was "evasive" when he questioned him about his tardiness. 1-15-44

GOOD COMPLAINT

Meantime, while Wergeles was trying to get himself straighntened out with the commission, fight followers strung along with him and thought he had a justifiable complaint. It was the general consensus that Beau won the melee with ease, although there wasn't much to shout about after the battle was over. Lulu apparently had too much respect for Jack's punching ability and was content to stay on the defensive throughout the bout. Costantino did a ballet throughout and made Jack look bad before 13,000 unresponsive fans.

Jack kept trying throughout the bout and fought his usual whirlwind pace. He forced the fighting, and if Lulu had decided to take a stand and fight back, the fans might have seen something worth while. 1-15-44

The fact that Jack was constantly trying to make Lulu fight was probably what caused Wergeles to raise such a fuss when Referee Josephs gave Costantino eight of the rounds. The judges, however, gave Jack five against four for Lulu, which would indicate that some one's judgment was considerably off. The concen[illegible]s of newspapermen at the ringside was that Jack won at least six rounds. All of which would create the impression that Mr. Wergeles was beefing down the right alley.

Beau Jack, Montgomery Will Fight in New York

Constitution 7-20-44
Atlanta, Ga.

KEESLER FIELD, Miss., July 9.—(AP)—Pvt. Bob Montgomery, world lightweight boxing champion stationed her, said today that he would leave for New York this weekend where he will meet Beau Jack, nee Pvt. Sidney Walker, of Fort Benning, Ga., in a war loan benefit match July 31. 7-20-44

The Philadelphia Bobcat said that he would taper off in New York's Stillman gymnasium for his fourth bout with Jack. He holds two wins and one defeat against the speedy Jack.

Henry Armstrong To Demand Lightweight Title Contest

Amsterdam News- New York, N.Y.

2-5-44

Manager Adds To Cofusion In "Comeback"

Beau Jack, Angott Battle To a Draw; Title Go March 31

By DAN BURLEY

Beau Jack and Sammy Angott finally got together Friday night at the Garden, but it didn't mean a thing insofar as unscrambling the scrambled situation in the lightweight division is concerned. In fact, all the ten round fight which ended in a draw provided was an opportunity for dad to have a legitimate excuse to duck out of the house for a spell, and a chance for Beau Jack and sundry others to put more gold into their personal coffers. However, Uncle Sam profited by $204,175 worth of War Bonds sold from the ring just before the main event.

Menawhile, a "forgotten man" popped onto the scene to further muddle the lightweight waters thought well oiled after a lengthy, weighty powwow at the Boxing Commission offices Friday afternoon. The "forgotten man" is Henry Armstrong, former tripletitleholder, now on his second comeback campaign, and due to fight next week in Washington, D. C.

Squabble Thought Ended

The squabble between the National Boxing Association which recognizes Angott as the lightweight champ, and the New York-New Jersey-Pennsylvania coalition which gives the nod to Beau Jack was thought concluded after Commissioners C. B. Powell, D. Walker Wear and Gen. John J. Phelan had approved through the respective managers of Beau, Angott and Bob Montgomery of Philadelphia, a tripartite agreement whereby the lightweight division will produce a single champion on May 26.

The State Athletic Commission spent an hour swinging the deal which resulted in Chick Wergeles, Charley Jones and Frankie Thomas, pilots of Beau Jack, Angott and Montgomery, respectively, to sign the papers. Jack and Montgomery, who had prior claim on a title match owing to an agreement made before their return fight last November, will square off for the 135-pound title on March 31. The winner then will meet Angott on May 26. Both bouts will be 15 rounders and will be promoted by Mike Jacobs at the Garden.

Hank To Fight for Title

Henry Armstrong didn't put in an appearance at the hearing Friday. Neither did his manager, George P. Moore, highly-respected sportsman from Los Angeles. But Moore told the writer in an exclusive interview Friday night just before the fight that "Henry Armstrong is going to fight somebody for that lightweight championship within the next two months." 2-5-44

Moore went on to point out that despite all the criticism about Armstrong's decision to return to the ring after announcing his retirement following his defeat at the hands of Ray (Sugar) Robinson, the former feather, light and welterweight champion had as much right to ply his trade, the only one he knows, as anyone else, including Fritzie Zivic and sundry other old-timers who are still about.

"If New York doesn't want Henry Armstrong, then there are states that do," Moore said. "We aren't asking to fight in New York. Remember the crowds Armstrong drew at the Garden in his last three fights with Beau Jack, Angott and Ray Robinson? Well, he's still as much of a draw at the box office as he ever was and one of those fellows, Montgomery, Beau Jack or Angott who may get the lightweight title, will have to defend it against Armstrong. Already Portland, Oregon, has offered Henry a $20.000 guarantee for a title match. And we are going to force whoever has the title to meet Armstrong."

Question Draw Decision

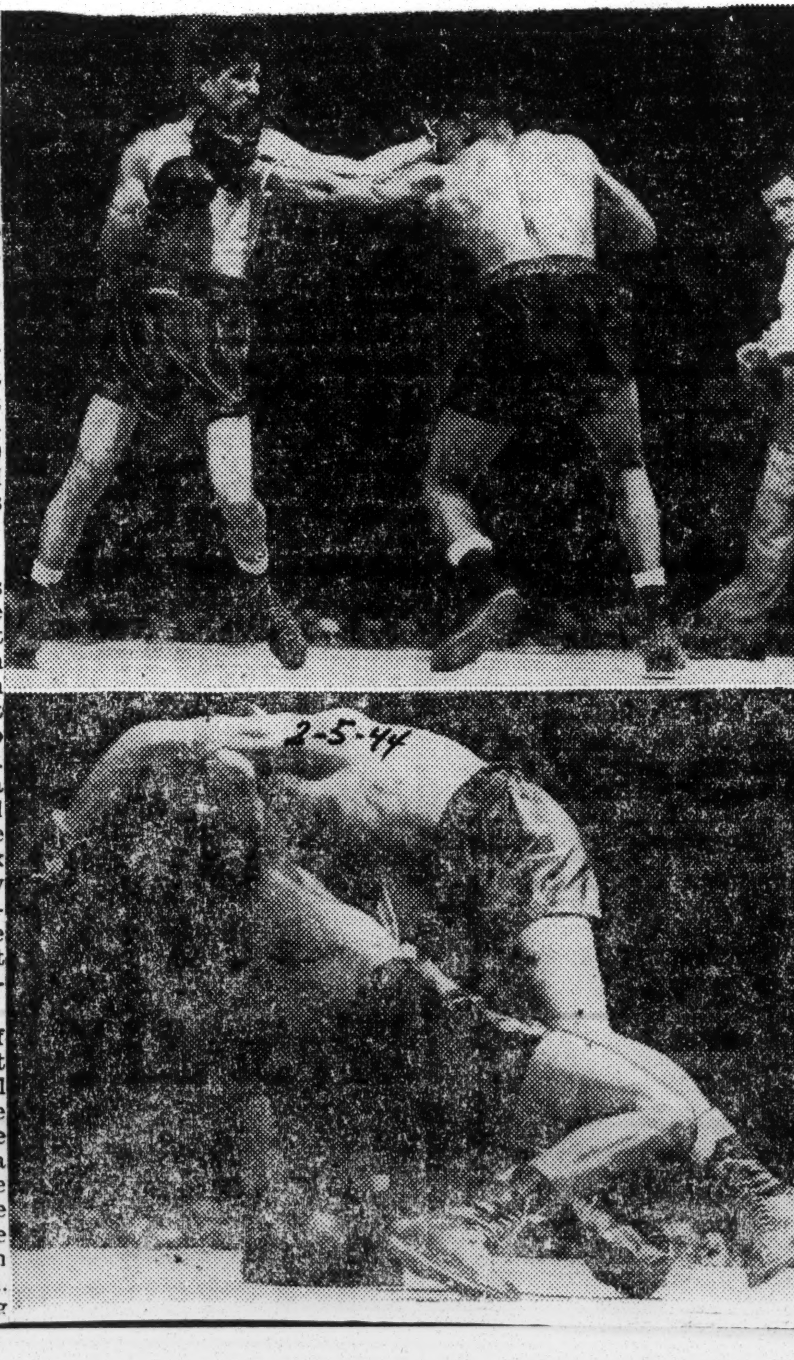
There are many, including this reviewer, who figure the boys were suffering from impaired eyesight when the judges voted a draw in the Beau Jack-Angott bout. From the listless mauling we saw, what fighting there was belonged to Beau Jack by a decisive margin. However, Referee Frank Fullam, a capable arbiter in the past, voted it five rounds apiece, while Judge Marty Monroe gave Beau Jack six and Angott four, and Charley Draycott handed the fight to Angott, seven rounds to three. The 19,113 customers who paid out $84,870 to see the affair seemed satisfied and didn't boo the verdict.

There was such a similarity of styles and intentions on the part of Angott, who holds the National Boxing Association version of the 135-pound title, and Beau Jack, the New York State-Pennsylvania champion, that there was little edge in the various rounds. We gave Angott round one. Beau took the second, fifth, sixth, ninth and tenth rounds. The others were even. Angott was continually retreating with Beau in full pursuit, but when Beau caught up with him the result was seldom decisive. 2-5-44

Beau Counter Fights

Beau came to this fight equipped with a new trick in his bag—that of counter punching. He showed more reserve and didn't toss leather in his usual wild, Hope-I-Hit-Him-Gee-I-Missed-Him style. He waited for openings. He, on many occasions, feinted Angott into coming in to him and then rammed him with uppercuts to the head and body. He rocked Angott mightily in the sixth with a right to the jaw. Angott's propensity for wrestling wasn't so noticeable against Beau Jack since he was on his bicycle most of the time.

Views of Beau Jack vs. Angott



2-5-44

SAMMY ANGOTT, (top left), of Washington, Pa., the NBA champion, and Beau Jack of Augusta, Ga., New York lightweight boss, exchange hard lefts to chin in bout at Garden Friday night. Both are landing in this picture at same time. That's one of reasons fight was voted a draw. Lower photo shows Beau and Angott falling to canvas after Beau lost his balance and slipped during eighth round.—INS Photos

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Negro Boxers Denied Local AAU Privileges After Paying Fee

TRIBUNE - WASHINGTON, D.C.

2-12-44

Five amateur boxers, all bonifide members of the Amateur Athletic Union, were denied the rights and privileges of participating in the local Amateur Athletic Union's fights, being staged here on Friday nights at Turner's Arena, by William Blake, inspector of professional fights.

The actual thumbs-down act took place in the office of the District Boxing Commission Wednesday during the time white contestants were being registered. Blake, representing the local AAU, met the Negro group and definitely stated Negroes could not participate in the local show even after receiving official AAU cards.

The boxers turned down were Joseph Mosely, Robert Summers, Gordan Styles and John Sneed. Earnest Butler also made an attempt to register on the AAU card granted last year, which has not expired. The boys were all candidates for the senior division.

Earlier on Wednesday, Mosely, Summers, Styles and Sneed paid a fee of twenty-five cents for membership cards to the AAU at the main office, Seventeenth Street and Massachusetts Avenue, Southeast. These cards entitle owners to all rights and privileges of the National AAU.

It has been reported any attempt to stage a segregated amateur boxing show would defeat all future attempts to place Negroes in the contests now being staged exclusively for whites. The National AAU, located in New York City, in a recent communication, notified several civic and interested organizations that the local body, under Chairman E. Joseph Aronoff, has complete jurisdiction over the local situation and that permission must come through this group.

Acting on advice of Dr. Leon Ranson, Howard University instructor, and William H. Hastie, the Annual City-Wide Amateur Boxing Tournament for Negroes will not be held.

Beau Jack Turns Fighter For U. S.

Post-B'ham, Ala.

6-3-44

FORT BENNING, Ga., June 3.—Pvt. Sidney Walker, known to boxing fans as Beau Jack, former lightweight champion, was in the Army here today and coupling his training with teaching others to box.

Jack, one of the most active fighters in the business last year and early this year, was sworn in yesterday and assigned to a training unit. He will study educational fundamentals 6-3-44 while undergoing basic training and also will assist Tech. Sgt. Bryan Bass, Atlanta, Ga., a physical education and boxing instructor at the reception center.

Montgomery, Jock to Fight

Post-Washington, D.C.

7-20-44

Kessler Field, Miss., July 19 (AP). Pvt. Bob Montgomery, world lightweight boxing champion stationed here, said today that he would leave for New York this weekend where he will meet Beau Jack of Fort Benning, Ga., in a war loan benefit match, July 31. 7-20-44

The Philadelphia bobcat said that he would taper off in New York's Stillman Gymnasium for his fourth bout with Jack.

Montgomery is working out daily under the instructions of Lieut. Louis J. Ritzie, post boxing coach and captain and intercollegiate middle-weight champion of Penn State's 1937 mitt squad, and Sergt. Thurston McKinney, one of the discoverers of Joe Louis.

Montgomery-Jack On War Bond Card

Post-Birmingham, Ala.

7-21-44

By United Press.

NEW YORK, July 20.—Bob Montgomery and Beau Jack are scheduled to meet in a 10-round boxing match at Madison Square Garden Aug. 4, with the admission price the purchase of a War Bond.

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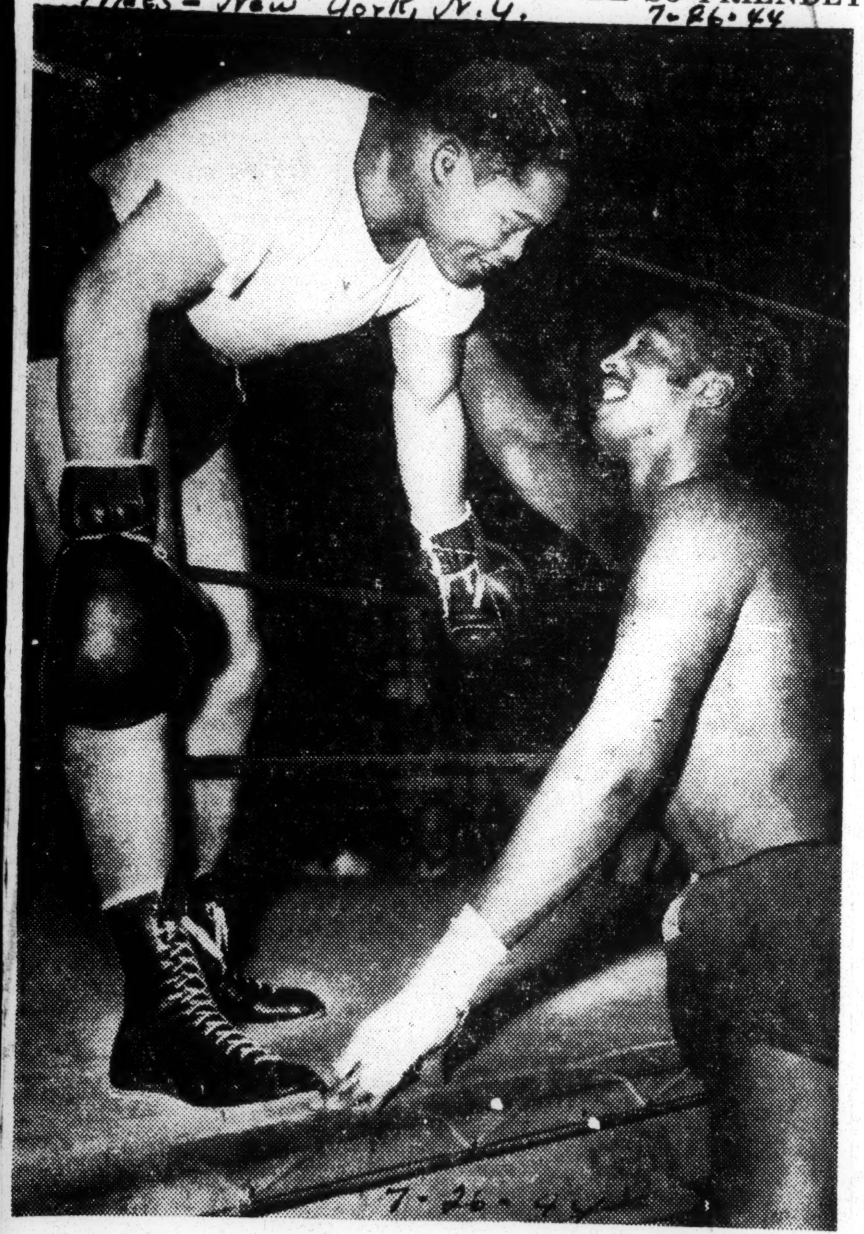
Boxing

THEIR NEXT MEETING WILL NOT BE SO FRIENDLY

Times - New York, N.Y. 7-26-44


7-26-44

Lee Q. Murray (right) chats with Turkey Thompson during a training session in preparation for their ten-round bout at Madison Square Garden Friday night.

Associated Press

7-26-44

Turkey Thompson, Los Angeles heavyweight, and Lee Q. Murray of South Norwalk, Conn., his opponent in Friday night's feature ten-round bout at Madison Square Garden, underwent thorough examinations at the offices of the New York State Athletic Commission yesterday. Dr. William H. Walker found both men fit.

Later, both returned to Stillman's Gymnasium for heavy workouts. Murray, boxing two rounds each with Jimmy Carrollo and Johnny White, donned the gloves for the last time until he enters the ring Friday night. Murray is in excellent condition, after nearly a month of preparatory drills for the contest. 7-26-44

Thompson, who will continue heavy sessions, boxed six rounds, three against Eddie Blunt and the same number against Dee Amos. Like Murray, Thompson weighed approximately 205 pounds.

Cummiskey

PM - New York, N.Y.

B-o-x-i-n-g Spells Democracy

3-7-44

This is the week when we all should take a deep bow to a couple of Negro kids named Jack and Montgomery. They are the two who drew better than $35,000,000 in War Bonds at the Garden gate the other night and drew nothing but blood from each other. They didn't get a dime for their services.

I liked the paragraph in Dan Parker's column yesterday, which told about the WAVE from Georgia (Ed. note: WAVES are white, you know) who stood up on her port side and rooted loudly and long for her fellow-Georgian. That would be Beau Jack. As Dan said, it came closer to real racial equality—that white gal cheering for a Georgia shoe shine boy—than any ever taught in the sociology books.

I'm a little late in acknowledging the great job boxing did. But I want to do it, nonetheless. ~~Actually~~, the boxing industry—which hurts itself more often than it helps itself—has done itself proud since Dec. 7, 1941. White or black, the kids have turned their hands to help the really important cause. Take Joe Louis. He risked his million-dollar title twice before he joined the Army. And was ready and willing to do it again—and this time against Billy Conn—if he had had the chance. 8-7-44

Today might be the appropriate time to point out that the boxing business is motley. A Jew is the top man. Many Irishmen are crack managers. We draw on the Negro race for the best talent. You think that is racial prejudice? Come again, brother. I think that of all the lessons in democracy we have had a chance to learn since the fateful day we were bombed by Nippon, that the best of these lies in Friday night's fight. Do you realize that the amount of money spent by people interested in the fight passed by nearly 16 times the double-million dollar gates drawn in the so-called golden era of Dempsey and Tunney? 8-7-44

Maybe that's why the wounded kids at ringside—they were in $100,000 seats—though nothing of the color of the kids' skins. All you could hear was: "Whatta fight!" And this from veterans of Tarawa. And Anzio. And D-Day plus two. I guess that when we can all of us sit and watch that happen, we don't have to worry too much about where we are going. Unconsciously, we are going in the right direction.

I saw a legless sailor cheer until he needed another coke to wet his whistle for these two Negro kids.

Jew and Protestant and Negro and white. Where, outside the Bible, do you get them all between one [illegible]? Well, it happened at the Garden and it warmed everyone's heart to see it happen.

A punch on the chin is a great equalizer. And on the other hand, those bullets that hit our kids on D Day or any other day, weren't a bit exclusive. They ripped into flesh where they found it, black or white, as the case might be.

Boxing has been much maligned. It is supposed to be a greedy, they-can't-hurt-us business. But the fight last week was the thing that makes boxing able to hold its head so high and its chin so straight. O, we'll have the bad side.

If the Treasury Dept. is smart, it will try to duplicate last week's show a thousand-fold. Somehow, the Stars and Stripes and what we're fighting for runs in a solid pattern right through the whole thing. The Jew—Mike Jacobs—will put it on. The Irish—the managers—will say yes. The fighters—mostly Negro—will wait for the bell. And all of them will come out swinging. And together. Isn't that the whole idea?

BEHIND THE PLAY

By DON DELEIGHBUR

Bee - Chicago, Ill.

HENRY ARMSTRONG NOW 1-A; UNCLE SAM MAY RETIRE FORMER CHAMPION WITHOUT AID FROM PEN OR DAN PARKER, FOREMOST CRITIC OF FIGHTER

NEW YORK. — Henry Armstrong, former triple titleholder, has been reclassified 1-A by his California draft board and the implications should go far to relieve the little iron man of the ring of the unpleasantness unloaded on him by the unwanted antics of his manager, the venerable George P. Moore of Los Angeles, the father of Phil (Shoo Shoo Baby) Moore, the arranger and composer. 2-20-44

Brother Moore, who is around 70 years old, is no tyro in the sports picture and when Eddie Mead, the rotund white manager of Armstrong, died several years ago, Moore stepped in and got Henry started on his first comeback effort that wound up in Madison Square Garden with Ray (Sugar) Robinson making Henry look so bad that he had to announce his second retirement. Now Moore's maneuvers which brought the pattling little cyclone from St. Louis via Los Angeles back into the boxing picture are deserving of some credit, but that credit must always be tinged with regret and apprehension, since there is always a feeling that something might be wrong somewhere and that things will wind up in a ring tragedy when gambling with a fellow whom half the nation has come to believe has bad eyes. 2-20-44

Moore took Hank home after that Robinson fiasco. Armstrong on his first attempt to regain top honors at his craft, whipped Fritzie Zivic who had retired him by taking his welterweight title; had a close decision taken away from him in his fight with Beau Jack; had bowled over a long string of lesser lights, numbering around 20; and then had beaten the daylights out of Sammy Angott, the National Boxing Association lightweight champion, who, however, did not have that distinction when he tied up with Armstrong at the Garden last year. In California, Brother Moore talked long and intensely with Armstrong and with his partner in the enterprise, Lucious Lomax, wealthy West Coast sportsman. It was decided that Armstrong could make another comeback and make plenty of money "since it's out there waiting for somebody to take it." 2-20-44

But an enemy of the plan, not of Henry Armstrong nor George P. Moore, Dan Parker by name, the authoritative and greatly influential sports pundit of the Daily Mirror, had been taking pot shots at the Armstrong setup ever since he heard that Armstrong had been built up for the Zivic fight which was held on the coast. Parker contended it was a shame for anyone to try and capitalize on a fighter whose vision could be questioned, despite the findings of the various boxing commission doctors, most of whom had given Hank the go sign on the question of visability. Parker, chief critic of Mike Jacobs, the New York State Athletic Commission and other odds and ends of the empire of smash, started exposing certain things he claimed Moore was doing in his campaign to put Henry back in the limelight. Parker denounced the whole thing, claiming it was a selfish desire for gold that brought Armstrong out on both occasions after he had said he was through with fighting.

To cap it all, Moore got so hot under the collar at the continued invective of Parker that the old man sat himself down to write Dan a letter. The letter breathed great indignation, and fairly wept with tears that Parker should be so cruel and vicious as to attempt to deprive a man of a chance to earn his living at his chosen profession. The letter pointed out many things in answer to the columns Parker had written about Armstrong; it was eloquent, passionate, dramatic, Parker was overwhelmed with it and printed it as his column one day last week. But in printing it, Parker diabolically forgot to correct the extremely bad spelling, the ridiculous unfamiliarity of Mr. George P. Moore with rudimental grammar, his glaring ignorance of the written word. All this came out in Parker's column. 2-20-44

'Here's to Uncle Sam'—Beau and Monty

World-Telegram — New York, N.Y.
8-3-44

Will Beau Miss Old Trainer?

World-Telegram
New York, N.Y.

By LESTER BROMBERG.

In previewing Beau Jack's battle for bonds with Bob Montgomery tomorrow at the Garden, everybody seems to have forgotten the fact that the man who pulled the Beau together after his disastrous upset by Bobby Ruffin last fall, Larry Amadee, isn't with him. 8-3-44

Amadee, shrewd, sharp-eyed veteran Negro trainer associated with Joe Louis and countless other name fighters, didn't contact Manager Chick Wergeles, as usual, when the match was announced. It wasn't that he had a mad-on or anything. Larry is bothered with sciatica and is resting at his Chicago home.

Jimmy (Fat) De Angelo, well-known Bronx manager and up to now second in command, is currently No. 1 conditioner to the furloughing soldier. Sid Bell helps De Angelo.

Amadee will be remembered as having been the first to give Beau Jack some idea of pacing. Previously he went like a ball of fire for six or seven rounds, then had all he could do to finish.

It was Amadee also who got him to do less capering and set himself. This became a necessity after the Ruffin fight aggravated an injury to his right knee sustained in training.

The knee, incidentally, never fully healed. The muscle tissue above it is puffed and, whenever possible, he wears an elastic supporter. Selective Service doctors rejected him for the army because of it, but he was accepted after volunteering for limited service.

Beau Still Hard Worker Despite Painful Knee.

Though the Beau says, of the knee, "It's terrible, sir," it hasn't reduced his zeal for work in the gym, according to Amadee's successor. This trip De Angelo put him through his customary sessions and the young man was always asking for more.

As a matter of fact, Beau Jack had to work strenuously to get into condition for this one. He picked up a lot of weight down at Ft. Benning, Ga., and making 140 has been a job. Even 140 never was a proper poundage for him. His best fights have been at the lightweight limit or a pound or two above it. 8-3-44

In De Angelo's opinion, however, he has become a more impressive gym performer. "He used the same sparring partners a few months ago, but he did more to them this time," insists Jimmy.

As a convenience to racegoers, bonds entitling buyers to seats at the fight will be sold today and tomorrow at Belmont Park. . . . A total of 260 seats in the first three rows have been purchased by fans and turned over for distribution to veterans of the Normandy and Italian campaigns, now at Halloran, St. Albans and Mitchel Field Hospitals. . . . Other seats will be available for servicemen, including those provided for by $1000 worth of bonds bought yesterday by Beau Jack and Bowman Milligan, co-manager.

How Many Times Have They Met?

Birmingham Post
B'ham, Ala.
8-2-44

BY JOE WILLIAMS

NEW YORK, Aug. 2.—The fellow who said the more things change the more they are the same must have been correct. Certainly there'll be no novelty in seeing Beau Jack and Bob Montgomery in the Garden ring Friday night. It will be their fourth (or do we mean 14th?) meeting. There will be one difference; two, come to think of it. They won't be fighting for the lightweight championship, which they pass back and forth like a borrowed tie, nor will they be fighting for money. 8-2-44

This is to be another of those admission by War Bond shows, and sensibly the stress has been placed on the small investor, who, up to now, has not been getting it up with any fluency. A number of War Bond shows here and around the country have produced spectacular totals but were almost meaningless from the standpoint of tapping new sources. It's the sales in the $25, $50 and $100 categories, reflecting Gus H. Citizen's sober interest in the future, that count heaviest against inflation. The bigger sales, the $100,000 and the $1,000,000 items, are automatic and when they appear in the totals of a sports or a stage show, they don't always represent new money.

Mostly these are items transferred from a firm's or a bank's quota to the show in question. But if you can get the small investor to shower down you are helping to fulfill one of the main purposes of the wartime financial program, namely, to get everybody and his cousin in the game.

GI Beau Jack Gets Rousing Welcome On Return To Fort Benning

Daily World
Atlanta, Ga.

COLUMBUS, Ga.—(SNS)—Private Sidney Walker, (Bouncing Beau Jack) returned to his classes in the Special Training Unit of Fort Benning's Reception Center last week fully determined to master "Private Pete" as he had his old-time rival, Bob Montgomery, king of the lightweights, a week earlier in New York's famed Madison Square Garden, but "a recess" had been called from his studies long enough for his buddies of the 2nd company, 1st Battalion, to welcome him back to the "campus." Beau was given a rousing good time in the form of a jamboree.

The affair, carefully planned by company officers with the assistance of cadremen, was held last Friday evening as an outdoor party in order to accommodate the maximum number of attendants.

General William H. Hobson, Post Commander, joined with Colonel John P. Edgerly, commanding, the Reception Center, and his Special Training Unit staff, to acknowledge the feat of the 23-year-old ring gladiator as a symbol of American youth fighting on the war fronts of the world.

"It's a great deal of distinction to be a champion at things worthwhile," General Hobson asserted. "I am sure Beau Jack would fight a Jap or a German with the same spirit he fights in the ring....and would win too."

The General's tribute to Beau came after a crown had been placed on the fighter's head to express the sentiment among his comrades that he's their champ.

"I crown you in the name of your company, the Post, and the United States Army," General Hobson said as he placed the diadem on Beau Jack's head. A thunderous applause greeted these words. 8-18-44

Unaccustomed to speechmaking, the congenial little fighter replied by giving the spectators a thrill as he demonstrated his boxing skill on the punching bag.

Other features of the evening included music by the Reception Center orchestra, a jitterbug contest, vocal selections by a company quintet, and a comedy skit by Sergeant Leroy Threadgill, master of ceremonies, and Edward R. Montgomery, both of the Visual Air Section. Everybody was served refreshments, tapered off with ice cold watermelon.

Beau Jack and the "Bob Cat," the latter now taking his basic at Keesler Field, Miss., donated their services to the 5th War Loan Drive. Nearly sixteen thousand fight lovers contributed a total of $35,864,000 in war bonds to make this bout the greatest ring drawing card in history.

GI Beau featured left hooks, bolo punches, and upercuts to pile up an early lead over Montgomery. Although Bob's lightweight championship was not at stake, he had to practically yield everything except the title. To date, the two fighters have met four times in Madison Square Garden, and have won two victories each. Beau Jack dropped the title to Montgomery during the first of this year. 8-18-44

Beau Jack and Bob Montgomery, in contributing all their services to the country's cause, followed in the footsteps of another great Negro fighter, world heavyweight champion Joe Louis. The Brown Bomber, now somewhere in Italy on a boxing exhibition tour, contributed to both the Army and Navy Relief Funds. Louis and his party appeared at Fort Benning January 3rd of this year.

67a-1944 Boxing

Establish Fund For Sam Langford, Boxer, Now Blind And Penniless

Age-NewYork, N.Y.
1-29-44

A group of citizens interested in raising money to establish an annuity fund to provide for Sam Langford, the famous old fighter who is now blind and penniless, met last week and formed themselves into the Sam Langford Fund Committee and began a nation-wide drive. 1-29-44

The Committee came about as result of a story written by Al Laney in the Herald Tribune January 10th, after which checks and cash began pouring into the office of the paper, some from anonymous donors. The committee is headed by David H. Knott, former sheriff of New York County, as chairman, with Dr. C. B. Powell, N. Y. State Boxing Commissioner, as vice-chairman, and Mrs. Roark Bradford, wife of the author, as secretary.

An account was opened in the name of the Sam Langford Fund with the Guaranty Trust Company, 524 Fifth avenue, New York, which will act as depository for all donations. Those who are interested in contributing to Sam Langford are urged to make all checks and money orders payable to the Sam Langford Fund and mail to the bank. The bank will confirm all contributions.

A long list of prominent citizens have since joined the movement. Among them are Wendell Willkie, Michael J. Kennedy, Mike Jacobs, Frank Case, E. K. Gordon, Roark Bradford, Newbold Morris, James J. Lyons, Mel Allen, Jay C. Johnson, Neil Scott and many others who are joining daily. 1-29-44

In the picture, seated from left to right, are Fritz Pollard, former all-American football star; Sam Langford; David H. Knott; Dr. C. B. Powell, and Benjamin T. Hock. Standing, Arnold C. deMille, advertising manager of The New York Age; Clifford Steward, of the N. Y. Telephone Co.; Dan Burley, managing editor of the Amsterdam News; Mrs. Roark Bradford; Chauncey Northern, voice specialist and piano teacher; John P. Langan, Henry Abbott, Robert Knott and Atty. Clifton S. Thompson.

—Photo by Herald Tribune - Rice

Williams, Rededick Meet

Washington, D.C. Post

Baltimore, Aug. 9 (AP).—Holman Williams, Chicago Negro middleweight, will battle Joe Reddick of Paterson, N. J., Monday night in the main bout of the weekly Coliseum show. 8-10-44

Williams, who calls himself the uncrowned king of the 160-pounders, will go 10 rounds with Reddick, who has lost only two of his 18 starts in the last year.

Armstrong-Davis Bout June 15 Gets Board Okay

Times-N.Y., N.Y. - 6-1-'44

Dr. Powell, Negro Member, Justifies Vote for Henry in Statement

Times - N.Y., N.Y. - 6-1-'44

By LESTER BROMBERG,

The State Athletic Commission, with Gen. John J. Phelan, chairman, acting as lamplighter, switched on the green light for Henry Armstrong on his third comeback at a meeting today, thereby sanctioning Mike Jacobs' 10-round bout between the onetime triple champion and Al Davis, Brownsville welterweight. Jacobs immediately announced this Madison Square Garden match for June 15, explaining that all summer shows following tomorrow's Tippy Larkin-Freddie Archer bout will be held on Thursday nights.

No vote was announced by Gen. Phelan, although a statement by Dr. C. B. Powell, Negro member of the board, indicated he had balloted favorably. D. Walker Wear, the third commissioner, previously said he wouldn't stand in the way, hence if the General did balk he must have been outvoted. approval. 6-1-44

Armstrong had been bracketed with Davis June in place of Aaron Perry, following the vet's knockout of the youth at Washington recently. Last Saturday Gen. Phelan shrilled an order to the promoter to stop publicity and ticket sales until the commission had given

Powell Wouldn't Vote For Match Last Week

That the board had iscussed the match last Friday without reaching a decision was revealed in Dr. Powell's statement. He wrote:

"At the meeting of the Athletic Commission on May 26 when permission was requested by Mr. Mike S. Jacobs of the Twentieth Century Sporting Club, Inc., to promote a boxing contest between Henry Armstrong and Al Davis in Madison Square Garden June 9, I was not prepared to vote.

"Circumstances surrounding the fight between Henry Armstrong and Ray Robinson at Madison Square Garden, promoted by Mr. Jacobs on Aug. 27, 1943, when Armstrong's showing was poor, deserved serious thought.

"After careful consideration I arrived at the opinion that Armstrong's showing against Ray Robinson was due to Robinson's unquestioned superiority, he being regarded as the best welterweight prizefighter of the past 20 years."

Powell went on to enumerate outstanding performances of the past year by Armstrong and cited the fact that he passed the physical tests of the armed forces.

The commissioner concluded: "On the basis of all these considerations it would be, therefore, unfair to deny him the privilege of fighting in New York."

A perorative remark by Dr. Powell sounded like a boost for Mike Jacobs. "It is my firm conviction . . . that all conclusions should always follow sound principles and shall apply to all clubs so that small ones should not be taken advantage of, because they are small, and that large ones should not be penalized because they are large." 6-1-44

There will be no fight show next week at the Garden.

Armstrong boxes Willie Joyce in Chicago tomorrow and is expected here next week. Ringside for the Davis bout will be $11.50 and Jacobs expects a sellout.

JOYCE, FOR ONE,

[redacted] 6-2-44

THINKS HE WILL

Chicago, Ill. Daily Tribune

DEFEAT HENRY

Daily Tribune
Chicago, Ill.
6-2-44

Meets Armstrong 3d Time Tonight.

BY FRANK MASTRO.

Willie Joyce, Gary lightweight who has won his last three bouts will see what he can do about halting the comeback aspirations of Henry Armstrong in a 10 round bout in Chicago Stadium tonight.

Joyce, 1937 Chicagoland Golden Gloves featherweight champion, beat Armstrong once and believes he can do it again. The odds appear to be against his turning the trick this time, chiefly because of a broken jaw he suffered while scoring that upset over Armstrong a year ago last March. The injury was aggravated in a rematch which Henry won to even the score.

Altho Willie's jaw is reported to be sound again, Armstrong's form in training indicates he will win this evening's showdown. His determination and will to win will be important factors, but his aggressive style and superior punching probably will decide the issue.

A stiff left jab, a left hook to the head, and an overhand right to the chin will be Armstrong's chief weapons. Joyce has a pronounced edge in speed afoot, but he will need to step fast to elude the former triple titleholder's wallops.

Featherweight Last Time Here.

Armstrong will be making his first Chicago start in six years. On the occasion of his last visit he came as holder of the featherweight title and stopped Everett [Young] Rightmire. In returning tonight he is fulfilling a wish to head a show in the Stadium, world's largest indoor arena. The west side building is the only large arena in this country in which he has not fought during his brilliant 13 year career.

Henry, a native of St. Louis and resident of Los Angeles, will be after his 11th consecutive triumph when he meets Joyce. If successful he will continue his comeback in bouts with Al [Bummy] Davis, Sammy Angott, and John Thomas. He hopes eventually to get a chance to regain his lightweight championship since the welterweight belt he once held has been frozen until the war is over. 6-2-44

Expect 10,000 Crowd.

George Moore, Armstrong's manager, insists Henry can make the lightweight limit of 135 pounds if necessary. Henry expects to be at 140 at the weighing-in ceremony in the Illinois Athletic commission office in the Steger building this afternoon, one pound more than Joyce will carry.

The show, second of the year in the Stadium, is expected to attract a crowd in excess of 10,000 and receipts approximating $45,000.

Tommy James, Lou Angelucci, and Robert Earl, all former city Golden Gloves champions, will appear in three of the four supporting matches on the card.

James Meets Woods.

James, 1942 Golden Golves welterweight winner, is matched with Sgt Lou Woods of Camp Grant and Detroit in a 10 round semi-windup. Tommy has met Woods before, losing a split decision in Marigold Gardens last Dec. 27 after flooring Lou three times. In his last appearance Woods lost a disputed verdict to Jack Lamotta. It was Lou's second setback in 30 contests, 28 of which he has won.

Earl will meet Rudy [Torpedo] Reed, lightweight stablemate of Armstrong, and Angelucci will oppose George Sapolick, Johnston, Pa., middleweight. Another six round event will bring together Johnny Lyons, Jack Laken's 160 pounder from Brooklyn, and Walter Patrick, Bay City, Mich.

ARMSTRONG STOPS DAVIS AT GARDEN

Times-NewYork, N.Y.

Triumphs Over Brownsville Boxer in 59 Seconds of the Second Round

6-16-44

By JAMES P. DAWSON

Henry Armstrong returned to ring action at Madison Square Garden last night and stopped Al Davis of Brownsville in the feature scheduled for ten rounds.

The end came in 59 seconds of the second round.

It was estimated about 13,000 fans were attracted to the first appearance of Armstrong in a local ring in about a year, the inclement weather and night baseball as a counter-attraction had an unfavorable effect on the gate.

Roache Is Winner

Ham Wiloby, Jamaica featherweight, who had never been beaten in the Garden, went down to a knockout defeat at the hands of "Whistling" Willie Roache, Wilmington, Del., husky, in the fifth round of the scheduled six-round semi-final. 6-16-44

Leading on points through the first four rounds, having knocked down Roache in the second, Wiloby was floored for a count of eight in the fifth under a roundhouse right to the jaw. He arose wearily, staggered backward and through the ropes away from Roache's rush, and when he had to be half-pulled through the strands, Referee Eddie Joseph stepped between the boxers and called a halt.

The fifth round had gone 1 minute 51 seconds when Referee Joseph intervened. Roache weighed 126¼ pounds and Wiloby 122.

Dawson Scores Again

The undefeated Freddie Dawson, Chicago lightweight, added george (Dusty) Brown, Philadelphia, to his list of vanquished professional rivals when he hammered his way to a decision in an exciting six-round encounter. Dawson had a margin wide enough to win despite a penalty in the final round for "unfair tactics." 6-16-44

Dawson was too sharp a hitter for his foe and too fast and shifty as a boxer. Notwithstanding, Brown made things interesting for his foe before he weakened under pace and punching in the last two rounds. They fought after the bell in the first round and they battled through the ropes in the second.

Dawson floored his foe for no count in the first round and for an eight-count in the fourth with sharp punches to the jaw. Twice in his eagerness Dawson slipped down. Dawson weighed 134¼ pounds and Brown 135½.

Rudy Dennis Richardson, Harlem middleweight, earned the decision over Ray Rovelli, West New York, N. J., in their six-round bout despite a penalty of the third round for foul. Richardson weighed 153¼ pounds and Rovelli 153.

In the opening bout of four rounds, George Cooper, Harlem lightweight, won the award over Pete Virgin, Garfield, N. J., featherweight. Cooper weighed 130 pounds and Virgin 125.

Ray Robinson Will Return To Ring Sept. 27

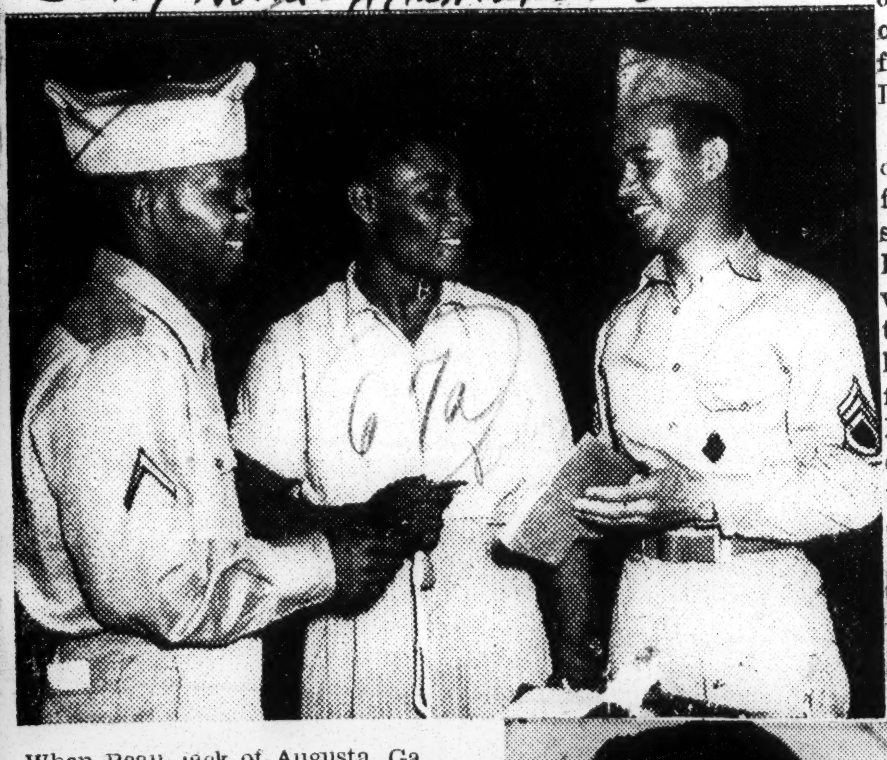
Advertiser—Montgomery, Ala.
8-26-44

NEW YORK, Aug. 25.—(U.P.)—Ray Robinson, who lost his world's best welterweight boxing title shortly before being inducted into the Army a year ago, will return to the ring Sept. 27.

Robinson's handlers announced today that the negro battler had been signed for bouts in six eastern cities during September and November. After coming back at Jersey City Sept. 27, Robinson, who recently received his medical discharge, will fight at Buffalo Oct. 2, Boston Oct. 13, Chicago Oct. 27, and New York and Detroit in November. The only opponent selected for Robinson thus far is Izzy Jannazzo, whom he will meet in Boston.

Beau Jack Is Welcomed

Daily World-Atlanta, Ga. 6-11-44



When Beau Jack of Augusta, Ga., famed battler who held the lightweight championship for several years, became Pvt. Sidney Walker of the United States Army, he was welcomed to the Colored Reception Center at Fort Benning by Pfc. George Pace, holder of the Bantam title from 1930-1941 and Technical Sergeant Bryant Bass, Atlanta, boxing instructor at the Center. Pvt. Walker will be assigned to the Student Training Unit at the Reception Center and will assist Sgt. Bass. (U. S. ARMY SIGNAL CORPS PHOTO).

6-11-44

Henry Armstrong Kayos Davis in 2nd

Whip-Miami, Fla.

By Tod Yates

7-1-44

NEW YORK (IPS) — Flooring his rival three times before cutting loose with a lightening-pace right to the jaw that closely followed a left jab, Henry Armstrong, the great little battler of them all, put the skids on the rumor that has him "ready for the old folks home" when he kayoed Al (Bummy) Davis here Thursday night in Madison Square Garden before 16,000 fight enthusiasts in the second round of a scheduled ten-rounder.

Armstrong could have taken on three other fighters right after he pummelled Davis, and if there are any of you out there who think that the former triple-titleholder is washed up — perish the thought. The end came in 59 seconds of the second stanza. The great little warrior that he is, Armstrong not only administered the worst beating of his career to the Brownsville favorite, but showed the mob that Davis and not he was through.

It was evident that Hank mapped out the campaign for this bout before he entered the ring. He went straight for a neutral corner, pitted Davis on the ropes and cut loose with lefts and rights. Twice in the first round Armstrong floored his opponent. The final blow definitely "put out the lights" for Bummy and Referee Frank Fullam could had just as well been counting the birdies—for a count was out of the question. Both weighed 141 3-4, and if you look back to that 63 second kayo that Davis administered to Bob Montgomery recently you'll agree that Armstrong has once again established on beachhead on Jacobs Beach.

Henry Armstrong

PRELIMS SPICY 7-1-44

A couple of newcomers and an upset marked the spicy prelims to the Armstrong-Davis bout. Freddie Dawson, the undefended Chicago lightweight, gave a good account of himself when he topped George (Dusty) Brown, of Philadelphia, in a thrilling six rounder. Flooring Brown for a no count in the first and an eight-count in the fourth. Dawson weighed 134 1-2 and Brown 135 1-2. In an upset, popular Ham Wiloby who had never been beaten in the Garden went down before Whistlin' Willio Roacho, of Wilmington, Del., in the fifth of a scheduled six, the semi final of the evening. Time 1:51. Roacho weighed 126 1-4 and Wiloby 122. There were two sixes and a four to support the card.

The LOW DOWN

Daily Worker

No Fears for Armstrong, He's Too Smart to Get Hurt

New York, N.Y.
6-15-44

Nat Low

So Henry Armstrong—one of the true geniuses of modern athletic history—will be back in the Garden tonight. He will climb through the ropes of the ring, throw a battered old bathrobe off his powerful sloping shoulders and proceed to lower his head and wade into his opponent without letup.

The brown-skinned little fistic marvel is currently on the latest of his many "comebacks" and while the previous ones left you dismayed this one doesn't even worry you.

For whatever happens, one thing is sure: Armstrong will not get hurt.

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Henry's previous comebacks have been distasteful to his legions of admirers and friends. They wanted him to retire and stay retired, fearing he would be seriously hurt, especially around his oft-injured, operated-upon eyes.

But by now, the feelings of his friends have changed. It is obvious that Henry, aged as he is, is still capable of shellacking the pants off most the boys throwing leather these days.

The little man has not lost his ability to hit although he can no longer move around as he used to when he was a mighty titan astride the fistic world.

Together with his hitting prowess is a cunning and shrewdness that only vast experience in the ring can bring to a fighter. The run-of-mine kids now touring the fistic circuit cannot possibly outbox or outsmart Henry.

6-15-44

Even against the best of these youngsters—like the talented Aaron Perry, for instance—Armstrong is still too much.

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I got to talking about this very same thing with Armstrong some time ago. I told him how I thought he should hang up his gloves because he might be injured and possibly blinded.

To which he replied: "Do you think I'd be fighting if there was even a small chance of my going blind? If there were a lot of tough fighters around—like Ray Robinson—it would be suicidal for me to continue fighting. But the best of the boys are away and the ones remaining are duck soup for me."

His handler made this observation: "If these kids can hit, Henry picks their blows off his gloves, tires 'em out and then plasters them without getting cut up even a little bit. If they can box but have no punch, he simply tears in and wallops them with all he has until they fold. Either way he seldom gets hit often. With his miraculous body he can go on forever against soft opposition."

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The arguments have won us over. We have followed Armstrong's itinery around the country, reading of his knockouts in Kansas City, Baltimore, St. Louis and elsewhere and have come to the conclusion he is running no danger of serious injury. 6-15-44

Tonight, of course, he will fight a much tougher opponent in Al Davis, but we have an idea the result will be much the same. Davis unfortunately never was and never will be more than a very good club fighter. Against smart, ringwise and talented fighters his lethal punching power is quickly negated by an inability to go the distance at a fast pace.

Bill Picks Henry to KO Bummy Tonite

Daily Worker
New York, N.Y.

By **BILL MARDO** 6-15-44

Crystal balls are passe and I don't need no palm-reading nut to tell me

that along about the seventh round tonight Al Davis is gonna huff and puff until Henry Armstrong knocks his house down.

Bummy can hit, Henry can take it. Bummy fades fast, Henry steams up late. Henry's much older, but Bummy is short-winded.

What goes with this Armstrong guy; is he really running a risk by going to the well so often? Naw, old Henry's still got enough left to stand the current fight crop up against the ropes and use them for target practice. 6-15-44

Davis' belly makes some target, wot? The Brownsville kid's gonna go crazy finding his left glove parked under Armstrong's armpit all night.

Beau Jack simply butchered him a few months ago after weathering the fury of Davis' left-handed attack in the early rounds. And, it should be pointed out, Beau Jack is no Henry Armstrong.

Henry should be able to take most of Bummy's thunderbolts on his glove tips during the first few rounds tonight; then, when Al starts to huff and puff, Henry will come along. It shouldn't be too hard after that.

67a-1944 Bowling

Negro Bowlers Are Winners Of Initial All-American

Daily World

Atlanta, Ga.

INDIANAPOLIS—(ANP)— The Indianapolis Hoosiers were hosts to national bowlers here on March 11 and 12 when C. H. Ferguson's Fun bowl offered the historic all-American $1,000 national singles sweepstakes, the first of its kind in the country. 3-22-44

The event, opened to all Americans regardless of race, was covered by a newsreel for national distribution. Top honors, and $225 went to Arthur Plant of Cincinnati Argus Edwards, Indianapolis, was second and received $15, while Parvin Fisher, white, Indianapolis, received $1 award for third place. Other winners were William Gooch Amos Perry, and Boots Fairfax of Detroit.

Laurels were won by Harold Rutland, national singles champion, Amos Perry, George Williams, Sumner Oliver, William Suber, Andrew Sharpe, William Brown and Byran Brumfield High singles game winners were Andrew Sharpe Harold Rutland, William Brown and Bryan Brumfield. 3-22-44

"The true champion can be chosen only after all American citizens have had a chance to compete," said C. H. Ferguson.

Eileen Darby-Graphic House

COSMOPOLITANS

Like Lord's: blazers, beanies, parasols and tea.

Harlem Cricket

One sport almost untouched by the war is Harlem's colored cricket. Last week the slim, supple bowlers and batsmen of the two big leagues, the New York and the Cosmopolitan, were out for spring practice in the vast green reaches of Van Cortlandt Park.

Most of the players and onlookers are West Indians. There are ten eleven-man teams in the New York League, six in the Cosmopolitan. After a summer's play in Van Cortlandt Park, a "world series" is held between the leagues in the Randalls Island Stadium.

Time - Chicago - Illinois

New York-Cosmopolitan cricket has something of the quietly gala atmosphere of matches at Lord's in London. The teams (bearing such names as Grenada, Windsor, Trinidad) disport their flannels, blazers and visored beanies against a background of picture hats and parasols. The crowd's applause almost never rises above a musical murmur. Between innings, there is a tea interval.

May 8, 1944

The equipment is British-made, and the best. A bat costs $18. Batting gloves are $5 a pair, kneepads $10. The ball costs $5. Because the fields are not surfaced for cricket, each team has to bring its own 20-yd.-long fiber mat ($75 apiece) to cover the pitch (bowling area). The supply of balls is running low, but a shipment from Britain is expected to ease the situation.

Royal Exiles. War has spared the sport because it is by no means a young man's game. The best batsman in the leagues is Cliff Daly, a real-estate salesman in his 40s. The best wicketkeeper is probably Evans Hackett, nearing 50. One of the star all-round players is Edmund Holder, an elevator man in his 50s. War did, however, take the top bowler, Roy Huggins. A former shipping clerk, he is one of twelve Negroes now working for a commission at the present holder of the championship cup. An all-round dependable of the Trinidad team is Joseph Cameron, who with Hackett and Holder was among the pioneers of Harlem cricket some 30 years ago. Cameron and his brother Henry, operators of an employment agency, are also leaders in the socially desirable Royal Exiles cricket club, which is not in the leagues.

The Royal Exiles are a group of 24 Harlem businessmen who play for relaxation, occasionally travel to Boston, Newark and Philadelphia to engage other amateur clubs. The Camerons keep open house for the cricket elect at their place of business. Photographs of noted players cover the walls; on display is the Trinidad tro is worldwide, has cost the U.S. hundreds of millions of dollars, plus the services of cup; in a billiard room are kept the wickets, bats and balls; there or in the yard at the rear, the Royal Exiles foregather to practice batting strokes and exchange the news of the cricket world.

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Football

Negro Football Players Move Into Limelight At U. Of Illini

Amsterdam News — New York, N.Y.

Race Relations Improving Steadily, Writer Finds; Buddy Young, Five Others on Teams

8-19-44

By PERCY LEE

CHAMPAIGN, Ill.—(ANP)—A very interesting example of an attempt to integrate the relations of Negroes and whites can be noticed currently in the campus of the University of Illinois. The fact that when an achievement of merit is attained by a Negro, and due credit is given for that achievement is significant of the gradual trend toward interracial harmony. The infamous ideology of inferior groups, so common at many leading universities, is actually being forced into the background at Illinois. This university has established a remarkable procedent through its impartial attitude toward its athletes.

During the 1944 indoor and outdoor Big Ten track season two Negro youths were the deciding factors in all the meets. These two Negroes, Captain "Bob" Kelley and "Buddy" Young, have created an impressive and sensational track record which is unparalleled in the history of the University of Illinois.

It is imperative that the reader note that "Bob" Kelley is the first Negro to ever have the honor of being captain of the Illini track team, and that he is also the first Negro to become president of the Tribe of Illini, which is one of the oldest athletic organizations on the campus as well as the most powerful.

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It must also be noted that Claude "Buddy" Young, the Illini's nationally known speedster, is no doubt the first freshman to have the honor of being selected the "athlete of the year", which was also shared with Captain "Bob" Kelley who placed second in the annual event.

Kelley House Manager

"Bob" Kelley is a member of the Kappa Alpha Psi fraternity. He is the capable House Manager of Beta Chapter of Kappa Alpha Psi. "Bob's" happy days at Iillinois and Beta Chapter will soon end upon graduation this summer, but he will not be forgotten—for he has left an almost indelible impression which will last through many years to come.

There are five Negro boys practicing with the Illini football team. These boys are Paul L. Patterson, brother in the Kappa Psi fraternity and member of the Tribe of Illini, Don Johnson, star football player from Wendell Phillips high school in Chicago, Charles Starks, star football player from Charleston high school in West Virginia, Claude "Buddy" Young, sensational indoor and outdoor trackman, and star of Wendell Phillips' Public High School championship football team of 1943 and 1944, and Theodore Austin, from Weller High school in Chicago. Judging from the opinions of local sports writers, these colored boys have indicated that they have the ability to earn worthy positions for themselves on the Illini football squad.

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Negroes Getting A "Break"

I could mention many other instances where colored boys are "getting a break" at Illinois—I could mention the various organizations on campus which are sponsoring anti-discrimination campaigns; I could mention the fact that Negroes on the campus are gradually adjusting themselves to the campus activities by participating in the various civic interest programs; I could mention the many instances in which the opinions of Negro students were solicited on matters pertaining to racial and non-racial problems.

I believe that fellows like "Bob" Kelley, "Buddy" Young, and the many other promising colored athletes who are endeavoring to prepare themselves for the football season, are the ones that are paving the way for future colored athletes at the University of Illinois. This university has set an example, which, if followed by other leading universities, would help to promote better race relations, and develop an understanding between the Negro and the white man, and tend to unite the efforts of both groups toward one common purpose—interracial understanding as well as interracial appreciation.

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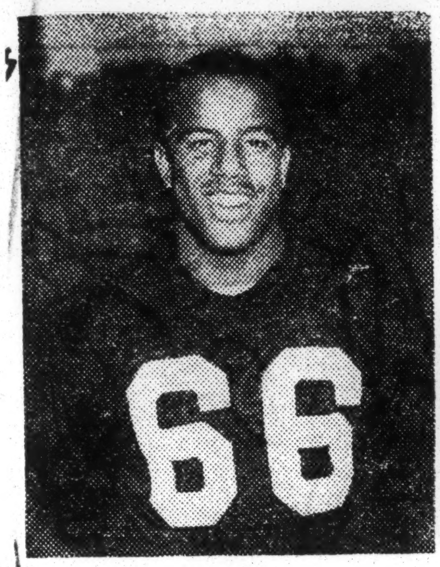
Sepia Dynamos in Illini Motor:

People's Voice — New York, N.Y.

10-21-44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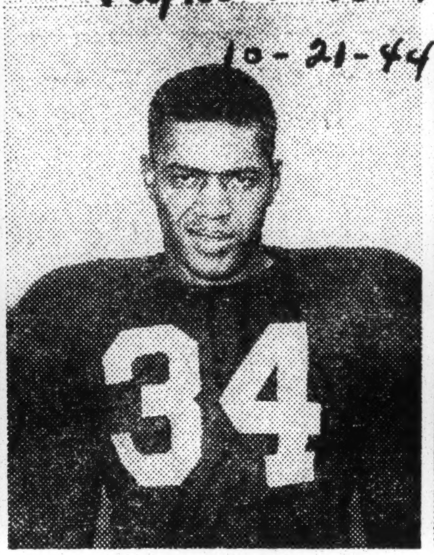
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Illinois' Trio of Negro Backs Thrilling Big Ten Grid Addicts

People's Voice — New York, N.Y.

10-21-44

Each Saturday afternoon these fall days a large percentage of the eyes and ears of the country are turned in the general direction of the town in the midwest where Illinois' band of gridiron speed merchants happen to be operating on that particular afternoon. The reason for this more or less national preoccupation with the fortunes of the Illini is the fact that the young men from Champaign have an offense which advances simply because the opposition spends all its time trying to "catch their backs" rather than "stop those backs." It's no accidental bit of sportswriting phrasemaking that the typewriter toffs have dubbed the ball luggers the "stop-watch backfield." The current quartet of ball toters is conceded by many observers to be the speediest four to ever operate across the Big Ten greenswards.

Key man of this company of speed merchants is not just another "ten second man" but the fastest dash man in the country today. But not alone does Young move that lemon-shaped pellet but two other Negro stars have had a significant hand in the Illini successes thus far. They are Don Johnson and Paul Patterson.

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YOUNG A RIOT FROM START

Young has been a one-man riot thus far in the '44 campaign, taking up from where he left off in his spectacular stretch of brilliance as the mainstay of the Wendell Phillips high school grid machine. The first game out of the box in this, his initial college season, the "Chicago Comet" reeled off an 82 yard runback of a punt that was a masterpiece. Against Indiana he reeled off another TD jaunt. Just to prove that his exploits were the McCoy he proved it in spades to the Great Lakes team the other week who seemed to doubt it. The Tars concentrated on line play and the whippet whipped around their end for 93 yards. And so it has gone.

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PATTERSON VERSATILE

Patterson came from Aurora's East High School and joined the Illinois track team to toss the discuss and put the shot. He has proven more than equally adept at pitching southpaw passes to hustling ends and backs. He has reeled off his share of six point hikes too, which is to be expected of a speed demon who is second only to the lightning Buddy Young himself. Versatility is the word for Paul who can also snag a pass or run or put a foot to the ball if the occasion requires.

Don Johnson hasn't yet had too much opportunity to show as a starting back but his ability is an almost accepted fact. Coach Ray Eliot told the writer 'way back in August that El Don was a cinch to be a main cog in the Illini machine as a first line replacement in any of the four backfield slots.

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So it is that the "stop-watch" backfield has decided sepia overtones. Overtones that spell out the names of Young, Patterson and Johnson.

Ray vs Williams in Negro Battle

New Orleans, La.

12-3-49

Times-Picayune

Elmer "Violent" Ray, Florida Negro heavyweight, the new sensation of the heavyweight ranks. will appear at the Coliseum Arena Friday night in the feature 10-round bout when he meets Jimmy Williams, Chicago, Ill., it was announced Saturday by Promoter Louis Messina.

Ray made his debut here on the Kid Cocoa-Charley Burley card early in 1943 by outpointing George Fitch. Ray went to the coast after beating Fitch and he has won 17 of 19 battles by the kayo route.

Joe Louis, heavyweight champion, refused to appear in a three round exhibition with Ray at Chicago, Ill., last week claiming that "somebody would get hurt."

Messina stated that Ace Miller, stablemate of Ray, will appear in another 10-rounder against a suitable foe and that Jack Charles, New Orleans heavyweight, who won from Earl Thompson, in a 10-round heavyweight bout last Friday night, would face a capable heavyweight opponent.

65-Yard Run Saves Irish 13-7

Courier Journal — Louisville, Ky.

Illini Outplay Unbeaten Foe 3 Periods, But Loss of Star Hurts

10-29-44

Champaign, Ill., Oct. 28 (AP)—Achille (Chick) Maggioli, a slender Italian marine trainee playing his final game for Notre Dame, saved the undefeated Irish from humiliation by a determined, swift Illinois eleven today as he galloped 65 yards for a last-period touchdown that spilled the Illini 13-7 before 65,114 fans.

Maggioli, who leaves Monday for Paris Island, S. C., Marine Base, exploded away with a short lateral from Bob Kelly to complete a lightning quick-pass play that covered 71 yards early in the last period when the Irish were trailing 7-6.

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ILLINI HOLD

Notre Dame's vaunted line met its match in an Illini wall, bulwarked by demon tacklers in Guard Ralph Serpico, Tackle Les Bingaman and End Johnny Orr. In the first half—and indicative of Young's tremendous value—the Irish were outgained 32 yards to 192 by rushing and six first downs to one. 10-29-44

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CALLED BACK

That just about broke the back of the tiring Illini, but they had one more thrill for the homecoming crowd. Exploding through tackle on his own 30, Greenwood tore 70 yards to the goal line with four minutes left, but the play was recalled for holding.

Still another Illinois touchdown—a 47-yard sprint by Young late in the second period—was called back because of too much time. On this play, Young danced and whirled as he was trapped behind his line and then scooted into the open.

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Young was reported kicked in the head as the first half closed and sat dazed on the bench throughout most of the second half. Patterson and Greenwood gave the Irish plenty of trouble in the closing two periods, but Young's mercurial speed was sorely missed.

Irish Coach Ed McKeever used a defensive "Four Horseman" strategy throughout the game. Whenever the Illini got the ball, he rushed in Halfback Marty Wendell, and Guard Joe Westenkirchner, Navy trainees who became eligible yesterday, and freshman End Mike Davlin and Fullback John Corbisero. Wendell, especially, made the tactic effective, playing a brilliant backer-up game. 10-29-44

Notre Dame.	Pos.	Illinois.
Sullivan	L.E.	Orr
Mergenthal	L.T.	Bingman
Filley	L.G.	Smith
Ray	C.	Bujan
Rovai	R.G.	Serpico
Adams	R.T.	Jannssen
O'Connor	R.E.	Agase
Dancewicz	Q.B.	Greenwood
Maggioli	L.H.	Young
Kelly	R.H.	Patterson
Angsman	F.B.	Cies

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Statistics

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	Ill.	N.D.
First downs	14	8
Yards gained by rushing (net)	343	132
Forward passes attempted	10	10
Forward pass completed	1	4
Yards by forward passing	34	102
Passes intercepted by	1	1
Yards gained runback intercepted passes	7	6
Punting average	30	35
Total yards all kicks returned	48	52
Opponent's fumbles recovered	1	2
Yards lost by penalties	85	90

Big 10 Negro Football Men

Amsterdam News
New York, N.Y.

Eyed By Fans

9-23-44

Buddy Young, Patterson, Mann Among Potential Luminaries

CHICAGO, (ANP)—Negro athletes are slated to win gridiron honors this fall when the Big Ten conference teams clash. Some of those being watched by experts are Buddy Young and Paul Patterson, University of Illinois; Bill Willis and Matt Brown, Ohio State; Gene Derricotte and Bob Mann, University of Michigan, and J. S. "Rooster" Coffee, Indiana University.

The current crop of Big Ten Negro football stars is larger and more promising than in recent seasons. At least one or two are expected to be prominent candidates for all-conference honors when the final ratings are complete.

The Illini's Buddy Young, former Wendell Phillips high school star, and Gene Derricotte, Michigan University's standout, are picked as the two newcomers who will bid for prominence across the season. Young is the nation's 100-yard dash champion and Derricotte was an all-state back at Defiance, O., in a season when Buckeye high schools produced an unusual crop of great backs. Bob Mann, also on the Michigan squad, is rated among the tops as an end.

Bill Willis and Matt Brown, back, are considered as Ohio stalwarts this season and both are slated for extensive action. Willis is at tackle and starred against the Chicago Bears in the recent All-Star game. Paul Patterson, an Aurora product, is another strong link in the Illini defense and J. C. "Rooster" Coffee, guard of Indiana University, is known as "the kid who keeps the Hoosiers always in good humor and sparked for fast play." 9-23-44

LOOKING 'EM OVER

With SAM LACY

Afro-American
Baltimore
10-7-44

Art Carter,
War Correspondent,
Italian Theatre of War

Dear friend Art:

There's only one thing that worries Paul Robeson's 16-year-old son, Paul, Jr., the regular left end on Cornell University's 1944 football team, and that is that his father isn't likely to see him play this year. Md.

"If only Dad could make one of the games and watch me out there, he could tell me more than any twelve coaches could tell me after seeing me for an entire season. And when I say this, it isn't that I don't have the highest regard for Mr. Snavely as a coach. I think he's swell.

"You see," young Paul continued during an AFRO interview in Ithaca before Saturday's game with Bucknell College, "Dad knows me so well he could actually guess what I was thinking every time I did something wrong. He knows how my mind works and would be able to tell me exactly what led me to make the mistakes I made.

Takes Success in Stride

"That's the only tough part about this whole thing," he went on. "Dad's on tour with 'Othello' and, after a stand at Milwaukee, will be going out to the West Coast. There's no way possible for him to see us play this year, which is bad for me. I'm positive that in one game before his eyes, I could be a much better player."

The younger Paul, who is the spitting image of his Old Man, takes his early success in stride. He accepts undue credit for nothing, explaining his achievements simply and without affected modesty.

"I had a good day against Syracuse last Saturday," he declared in answer to a question, "because they were sucked in repeatedly on our end-around play. Besides, I had good blocking every time I carried the ball. Otherwise, maybe I wouldn't have been so good."

When his attention was called to the fact that he had been praised for his performances so far, Robeson asserted: "The writers have been nice to me. I've got an awful lot to learn on defense. I catch passes fairly well, mainly because I have large hands and because I played a lot of tennis when I was younger, which taught me how to keep my eye on a moving ball.

Has Much to Learn

"But there again, I've got a lot to learn. I don't cut so well and I haven't been very successful at feinting the defensive man out of position."

Asked about his other sports activities, he said he likes track next to football, and that his forte in spikes is the high jump, in which he set a western Massachusetts prep school record of 5 feet 10½ inches in 1942. His best leap is 6 feet, 4 inches, turned in last year while at Springfield High.

"But I'm not particularly good at basketball," he went on, "and my 100-yard time can best be forgotten. I can't play even a little bit of baseball."

Young Paul said he selected Cornell because he learned it was one of the best engineering schools in the East and, with the help of Paul, Sr., who had visited both, made the choice between Cornell and Dartmouth.

It was not until 1939, when he and his mother (Mrs. Eslanda G. Robeson) and father returned to America from London, that he became interested in football.

Lessons from a Master

"I used to see Dad 'fooling around' with his football," he declared, "so I began asking him questions about some of his experiences at Rutgers (1916 and 1917). When he began telling me some of his many thrilling moments, I became fascinated. The result was that we both became interested and he started demonstrating how to catch and throw passes and block. All this was in our back yard and, gosh! Can Dad throw a pass!

"I guess I gradually caught on because here I am."

Earlier in this piece, I purposely intimated to you that young Paul is touched with a modesty that becomes him. It does more than that. It stamps him, more than anything else, as a carbon copy of his magnificent father.

I asked if he thought that, given time, he would become the second All-American football player in the Robeson family. His reply was:

"I've never felt that I'd be a first-class football player in the sense that Dad was. Dad was a 'natural' and though I love the game dearly, I've never had the slightest idea I'd ever be able to match him."

Now, d'ya see what I mean?

—SAM.

TAAF Beats Benning 7-6 To Win Servicemen's Grid Championship

Norfolk Journal & Guide

MEMORIAL STADIUM, Columbus, Ga.—The Mighty Tuskegee Army Air Field "Warhawks" broke the two-year old winning streak of the [illegible]ning Reception Center Tigers in a 7-6 hotly contested return match before 8,000 cheering fans here last Thursday night to win the Negro servicemen's gridiron championship. 12-2-44

Ending a series of long drives in the fourth quarter, led by Parker, right halfback, put the Warhawks on the Tiger's four yard line. Jerry Williams, ace TAAF fullback, lateraled to Piggott, sensational left halfback, who went around right end for the first score of the game. Williams kicked the extra point.

Tigers' Macon Williams, fullback, to Gaines, right end, who was waiting on the Warhawks' end zone, blotted TAAF's unscored-on record in the last four minutes of play. Williams' attempted conversion for Benning was stopped by the charging Warhawk wall.

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SPORTS

Bystander — Des Moines Iowa

NEGROES IN BIG TEN DEBUTS

9-28-44

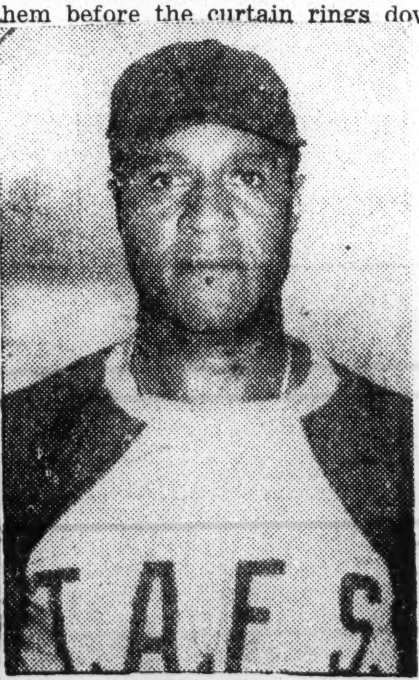
Negroes had themselves quite a time in the Big Ten football games last week. Heading the news was the performance of the gang from Illinois as the Illini rolled over Indiana in the Big Ten opener for the two teams. The work of one Paul Patterson was a story in itself. This left-handed passing Negro who packs one hundred eighty-five pounds on a six foot frame had a real field day. He returned a punt ninety yards for a touchdown, only to have it called back for a clipping penalty; he scored one marker with a twenty-nine yard dash to tie the score at twelve to twelve; he broke away again and raced fifty yards for another score, and lost that one because of a penalty. He hit a receiver with a pass that resulted in a touchdown, and helped set up another score with his passin gand running so that Buddy Young caught a short pass and outran the field for a marker.

Then Patterson recovered two fumbles besides contributing one of his own that set up a Hoosier score, and did his share of defensive work. Young had his troubles. He apparently hasn't learned to use his speed to the best advantage yet for he had trouble gaining against Indiana. We recall that in the last prep game we saw Young in, he could run fast, and had a beautiful side-step, but that was about it. The team that beat Phillips for the city title just spread its defense out wide and let him run, and sooner or later the speeding young man would run into a tackler who could stop him. 9-28-44

From the way the accounts of the same Saturday read, that must have been what Indiana did also, for Young gained very little on the ground. His best forte seems to be to catch passes to break out into the open, or else, get a lateral or some other tricky play to get him loose where his great speed can count. Don Johnson, Buddy's former prep teammate, also got into the battle some, but we didn't hear much of him yet. But the lad is a nice passer, and a good defensive man, and may see more service than present conditions indicate. Rooster Coffee for the Hoosiers played a fine defensive game, according to all accounts, and of liberal arts Monday as probably tough line. 9-28-44

Over at Michigan Eugene Derricote was going most of the way against a touch team from Marquette who wouldn't stay beaten until the last. Gene made one marker by a short dash of five yards over tackle, and stuck in a few other runs of varying distances to help the Wolverines trip Marquette 14 to 0. Gene had been touted as a great passer, but last week, he didn't get much of a chance to show his wares. Maybe they are saving him for a sort of a surprise to some of the Big Ten opponents. Don't be surprised if you read just any Saturday where Derricote has broken up what was supposed to be a tough game with a barrage of passes. 9-28-44

Bob Mann played a while at end for Michigan, but we don't know what he did. The boys from Ohio State swing into action his week-end, and we hope to be on hand when they trot out. This is one of the redeeming features of being in this man's town during football season. You are not too far removed away from some of the biggest stadiums which are often the scene of most of the decisive battes. And your humble scribbler hopes to see his share of them before the curtain rings down.



BILL BELL

Bill Bell Coaches

Journal + Guide

Football

Tuskegee Airmen; To Play Morgan

Norfolk, Va.

9-30-44

TUSKEGEE, Ala.—One of the most brilliant football coaches of the day, Lieutenant William (Big Bill) Bell, has been named to coach the newly formed Tuskegee Army Air Field team.

Bell, former All-American tackle of Ohio State University and coach of Florida A. and M. College, climaxed almost a decade of outstanding coaching when he enlisted in the Army in March of 1943. At Florida during his seven years, he led his team to three national championships, in addition to the same number of conference wins, running a victory streak of 20 wins out of 21 games. At Claflin College at Orangeburg, S. C., prior to coming to Florida, he piloted his team to two South Atlantic Conference Championships, beating Morris Brown and other prominent schools.

ARMY LIFTS BAN 9-30-44

"Big Bill" came to TAAF in May of 1943 and stuck as private for seven months, before going to the Army Air Forces Officers Candidate School, where he graduated as a second lieutenant in March of this year Returning to TAAF he was appointed assistant physical training officer, when the Army Air Forces lifted its ban on football, Bell got the appointment. His greatest asset is his understanding attitude toward his men, his willingness to hear their just complaints. This is reflected in their sincere admiration and respect for him not only as a coach but as a man. 9-30-44

Every indication shows that he is getting the full cooperation from his men here at TAAF, where at this time the men are being primed for their big game with Morgan College. There Bell will take up where he left off with Morgan his old rival in the Capitol Classic on November 11 at Washington, D. C.

Tuskegee Drops Opener 19-15

Journal + Guide

Norfolk, Va.

TUSKEGEE, Ala.—Fort Benning Reception Center defeated Tuskegee's Golden Tigers here last Saturday in the opening football game of the season by a score of 19 to 15 before 3,000 spectators. For sixty minutes of warm weather the two teams battled on practically even terms. Tuskegee score first in the opening quarter on two completed passes. Tabor to Perry and Tabor to Miller, the latter scoring. Tabor's try for the extra point was blocked. Benning scored twice in the second quarter on the excellent work by Williams, former Florida A. and M. back, who scored from the eight-yard line and later sent a pass, good for twenty-five yards, to Goins for another touchdown. Williams ran the ball over for the one try for the point, and the half ended Fort Benning 13, Tuskegee 6.

TIES GAME 9-30-44

Tuskegee scored early in the third quarter on line plunges by Hornberger, Griggs and Robinson and from the four-yard line, Griggs went over for the touchdown. Tabor's kick was good and the game was all tied up. On the kick-off after the try for the extra point, Williams picked the ball up on Tuskegee's fifteen-yard line and went 85 yards for the soldiers' third score. After working the ball to Benning's one-foot line, a costly fumble by Tuskegee was recovered by Benning and hopes for a Tiger's victory were dark. Standing far behind his line, Williams of Fort Benning attempted to kick out but was tackled from behind for an automatic safety for Tuskegee. The game ended shortly afterwards.

Three Negroes Lead Illinois

Daily World — Atlanta Ga.

11-8-44

CHAMPAIGN, Ill.—(ANP)— Don Johnson, freshman halfback from Chicago, who's showing steady improvement as a backfield replacement for Coach Ray Eliots' eleven, continues to lead Illinois in rushing averages with 14.3 yards per try. Johnson has carried the ball 12 times for a net gain of 180 yards.

Just a step behind is Buddy Young whose net gain of 639 yards in 51 ball carrying efforts, an average of 12.5 is much more amazing than of his former teammate at Wendell Phillips high, Chicago.

Following Young closely in yards gained is Paul Patterson, workhouse of the Illinois backfield, who has netted 632 yards in 89 times carried, a 7.1 average. Pat and Buddy, who form the Illini's first-string halfback combination, have reeled off 1,271 yards in the 140 times they have lugged the ball — exactly 9.1 yards for each effort.

Morris Brown Tops Alabama State, 21-0

11-10-44

Morris Brown College, of Atlanta, routed the Alabama State Teachers' grid team at Legion Field Thursday, 21-0.

The two rival Negro colleges came to grips in a twilight-night game that got under way at 5 o'clock.

Duffield sparked the Morris Brown victory, going over for a six-pointer in the second period on a line plunge after passes he had hurled had set up the score. He ran two conversions over for two more points. Drayne went over for the second tally on a reverse in the third period. Green added the final tally in the fourth stanza and passed to Lane for the conversion.

Young May Bust Grange's Mark

Claude "Buddy" Young, Illinois' thunderbolt halfback who has tallied 11 touchdowns in seven games thus far, may break the all-time record set by the immortal Red Grange tomorrow when Illinois meets powerful Michigan at Cleveland.

11-10-44

Grange set his record in 1927 when he smashed through nine opponents for 13 touchdowns while winning all-America honors as halfback at Illinois.

When old number 77 was retired after the 1928, opinion was his record would never be equalled.

But then along came Young, the 5 foot 6 inch Negro track star who holds the AAU and IC4A records for the sprints. The Negro youngster, who weighs only 160 pounds, is being called one of the great backs of football history. He took the midwest by storm in his first two games in which he broke loose three times for long distance scores.

Daily World

With 11 touchdowns good for 66 points, he leads all the runners of the Big Ten and has already established some amazing records. Seven of his scores have been on runs of 50 yards or more; he has reeled off dashes of 84, 88, 80, 77, 74, 62 and 56 yards and on two occasions, against Notre Dame and Great Lakes, he broke away for touchdowns the very first time he got his hands on the ball.

He will face a tough foe in Michigan tomorrow and after that still has two contests to go—against Ohio State and Northwestern.—Nat Low.

YOUNG GALLOPS 92 YARDS, PATTERSON 62, AS PITT FALLS

Courier — Pittsburgh, Pa.

Illinois' Speedsters Have "Field Day" as Pitt Goes Down to Defeat, 39 to 5; Buddy Young, Paul Patterson and Don Johnson Thrill 10,000 with Touchdown Runs

10-28-44

Claude (Buddy) Young and Paul (Pitty-Pat) Patterson continued their sensational running here in Pittsburgh Saturday as the University of Illinois embarrassed Pitt, 39 to 5. Illinois scored six touchdowns and Young contributed two, Patterson one, and another sepia ball-toter, Don Johnson, scored one. The other two were made by the flashy Illinois quarterback, Don Greenwood, who galloped 80 yards for the first Illini score in the first quarter.

Buddy Young thrilled a crowd of 10,000 and continued his bid for All-American honors with a 92-yard "crazy-quilt" jaunt mid-way in the second quarter. He scored again in the third when he tip-toed around right end on a five-yard run.

Patterson got off a 62-yard run with Young doing some excellent blocking, and lugged the leather across the goal line in the third period. Don Johnson scored the final touchdown just before the game ended, when he shot through right tackle on an eight-yard gallop.

Charles Sparks, the other sepia back on the Illinois squad, also saw action.

The battered Pitt team was no match for Illinois. With Young, Patterson and Greenwood constantly breaking away for long runs the Pittsburghers were never in the ball game. 10-28-44

Young's 92-yard jaunt was the highlight of the game. Taking the ball on his own eight-yard stripe, Buddy cut through right tackle and ducked and dodged his way to the 20-yard stripe. At this point he was met by a whole host of Pitt tacklers, but he out-smarted them and broke away. When he reached the 50-yard line, Young was really "home free" because he was at least 10 yards in front of the nearest Pitt man, who actually gave up the chase when Young went into "high gear."

Maggioli Runs 65 Yards For Winning Score

Advertiser — Montgomery Ala.

10-29-44

Holding Penalty Kills Illinois Score In Final Period

By JERRY LISKA

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Tuskegee Defeats 'Force

People's Voice — New York N.Y.

10-21-44

CHICAGO—A never-say-die Tuskegee Tiger team rared up from the spectre of defeat here in Comiskey Park Friday night to stage a spectacular rally which netted two touchdowns in the final quarter on victory over Wilberforce by a 19-14 margin in the 15th renewal of their annual classic. By virtue of this triumph Tuskegee took the series lead seven games to six. Two of the games have ended in ties.

Wilberforce broke away to an early lead in the first quarter when Fred Hall rifled a pass to Ollie Millner that was good for 23 yards and a TD. Hall added the complement and the score stood 7-0.

Tuskegee came back in the second stanza when Alva Tabor wound up his trusty canon and shot a pass to Herbert Crawford which netted the Alabamans 38 yards and six points. Tabor tried to completely emulate Hall's feat by adding the extra point. His attempted boot was wide and so he failed at this point although he more than made up for it in the closing phase of the battle.

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In the third period Wilberforce pulled away to the lead again when Karl Baylor raced 34 yards on a fast breaking play to score and bring the count to 14-6.

As the two teams went into the final period with the Booker T. Washington boys trailing, it seemed to most of the near 20,000 spectators that the issue was settled. The Alabamans had different ideas however. The teams battled doggedly until suddenly tabor saw the spot for which he'd been looking and presto he fired an aerial into the arms of Charlie Williams which put his team back into the ball game. 10-21-44

The coup de grace was applied by Tom Hornsburger who scooted around left end for a 40 yard solo that clinched the issue. Tabor made good the conversion.

Big Bill Willis Is Line Start For 83,627

Amsterdam News
New York, N.Y.

11-25-44

By DAN BURLEY

(Amsterdam News Staff Correspondent)

CLEVELAND — Ohio State University stopped the sensational Claude "Buddy" Young before a record crowd of 83,627 fans in Cleveland's Municipal Stadium, hard by the shores of Lake Erie here Saturday, and the Buckeyes thereby marched on to a resounding 26-12 Big Ten triumph over the University of Illinois and maintained Ohio's perfect record for the season, and its leadership in the race for Western Conference honors.

Michigan, Ohio's biggest obstacle, with the famous Negro backfield star, Gene Derricotte, remains to be met this Saturday at Columbus, Ohio. Ohio must beat Michigan to win exclusive rights to the Big Ten championship. If Michigan wins Saturday, there will be a tie. However, Ohio can't do worse than share in the honor.

The game here Saturday was featured by the play of six Negroes, three in the Ohio lineup and three in the Illini lineup. In fact, their presence had much to do with the size of the crowd. Fans came from all parts of the country to see if Buddy Young would live up to pre-game ballyhoo and get away on his famous long runs, and whether Big Bill "Deke" Willis, of Ohio, would be able to stop him. 11-25-44

They also came to see in action, the smooth running, passing and kicking Paul Patterson, 195-pound Illini halfback; Don Johnson, speedy Illini ball carrier; Matt Brown, fullback and Richard Jackson, end, of the Buckeyes. Throughout the game these six Negroes were very much in evidence.

The brilliant line play of Willis, in particular, stood out. He was responsible for the breaking up of several Illinois scoring plays and he took a big part in the Ohio offensive which shook lose backfield aces, Les Horvath, post-graduate student, and Bob Brugge, a freshman, for the Ohio touchdowns that beat Illinois. Brugges scored from the five-yard line and also passed for a touchdown to Jack Duggar on a surprise play. Horvath played the full sixty minutes alternating at quarterback and at half. He called all the plays, led both teams in ground gained and carried the ball twenty-two times, more than any other Ohio back. Horvath scored two touchdowns, one from the two-yard line and one from the six-yard line.

The longest gain by Buddy Young was the 26-yard jaunt and on other occasions he moved through the line for gains of 10 to 15 yards.

It was Buddy who set up the Illini second and final touchdown when he ran the ball to the 1-yard line from whence Quarterback Don Greenwood went over for the tally. Illinois scored first in the first few minutes of the game after Young had slanted over center for two yards when Illinois recovered an Ohio fumble on the 45. Greenwood called a quarterback sneak, broke through the middle of the Ohio defense, cut to his right and ran down the field into the corner on a 41-yard touchdown run. Willis blocked the attempted try for an extra point by placekick. 11-25-44

After Ohio had scored a second touchdown and following the kick-off, Buddy Young fumbled the ball and the Ohio forwards fell on it on the Illinois 47. The Buckeyes drove straight ahead on a nonstop jaunt to the goal line, Brugge taking the ball over.

Buddy Young, on the first play after the kick-off, broke off the Ohio State right tackle, danced and battled his way 26 yards before he was stopped on the Ohio 41. Young then was removed from the game because of injuries on the play. Illinois was stopped cold and Greenwood's fourth down pass was intercepted.

Just before the third period ended, Illinois got another chance to score when an Ohio punt skidded out of bounds on the Buckeye 42. Paul Patterson plunged through center and ran 27 yards and on the next play he carried the ball to Ohio's 4-yard line. Here it took three plays for Illinois to get across. Young dived into the end zone but the officials ruled that his knee hit on the one-yard line. Greenwood was sent back into the game and scored on a quarterback sneak. The extra point from placement failed.

Negro fans were in evidence at the game; a big contingent coming from New York City and points in Ohio such as Columbus, Dayton, Cincinnati and Akron. 11-25-44 On the way to the game the chief topic among the crowds, both white and Negro, was: "Will Buddy Young get away." The tremendous publicity earned by this diminutive 160-pound backfield flash from Chicago had made the game a sort of Buddy Young vs Ohio State affair and the disappointment at his failure to get away was mirrored in the remarks of fans after the game, many of whom said "Well, guess he couldn't with all those big fellows on the other side playing against him. And gee, wasn't that big Negro tackle of Ohio State good." Indeed, Willis did more than appears on the surface in smothering the three Negro speed merchants of the Illini. Time and again he broke through to nab either Young or Patterson or to stop Johnson before the latter could get started. All in all, Willis proved to be a football player of big time All-American caliber.

Runs 74 Yards on Notre Dame

Journal and Guide, Norfolk, Va

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Claude "Buddy" Young, halfback sensation of the University of Illinois football team, raced 74 yards for a touchdown (his 11th of the season) against Notre Dame, Saturday, as the Illini fell 13-7 after outplaying the Irish, reputed the No. 1 team of the nation. Buddy was severely shaken up in the first half and was out of the game during the second half. He will be back in action this Saturday against the powerful Michigan team. Recently classified 1-A by his draft board, he is expected to be around until the football season ends. Note the powerful legs which carry the "world's fastest human," as he is the national 100-yard track champ. He is five-feet-five-inches tall and weighs 160 pounds.

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Norfolk Journal & Guide

TIES RED GRANGE'S ALL-TIME RECORD — Claude "Buddy" Young, the sensational scoring star of the University of Illinois, tied Red Grange's all-time Illinois scoring record of 13 touchdowns by nabbing two against Northwestern in the Illini's 25-7 victory last Saturday. Young, who is national sprint champion, has had several touchdowns called back this season. The freshman back, who is a graduate of Wendell Phillips High School, Chicago, has been the backfield sensation of Big Ten football this year.

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Notre Dame Hit For Star's Hurts

By ALVIN MOSES

Daily World - Atlanta, Ga.

11-26-44

NEW YORK—(A N P)—Into the limbo of our yesteryears has gone the details of the 1944 football clash between University of Illinois and Notre Dame. The treatment of one of America's greatest college grid players, a Negro-American youngster by the way,—will live long in the memory of spectators and officials for many years to come.

Claude (Buddy) Young, almost an exact counterpart of Harold (Red) Grange, a legendary University of Illinois gridder of some 18 years ago, was kicked in the head in that game.

The 17-year old freshman who had raced thru Notre Dame's vaunted team for a touchdown, was put out of action by what seemed a deliberate plot on the part of Notre Dame's kid players. One would say that such a thing could not happen in this fabled land of sportsmanship and American fair-play for all. But it did, and thereby hangs a tale.

Young, National A. A. U. dash champion, shaped up this season as an even more elusive "ghost" than the famous "ice man" from Urbana, Ill.

Newsreel shots that I witnessed of Buddy's touchdown play revealed the fact that had he stayed in the full 60 minutes—Notre Dame might well have suffered a defeat before Army swamped her .. 59 to 0 last Saturday, at West Point, N. Y.

We firmly believe that others of the South Bend juggernaut thought in like terms. What the sport world wishes to know is ... Did anyone in authority, say like a head-coach, or team captain, say:.... "get that—Young at any cost, and be sure to cripple him so that he won't annoy us for the rest of the afternoon.!"

Personally, I think Ed. McKeever or no other man on earth could divine the innermost thoughts of victory-hungry giants eager to roll up victories for the highly press agented Irish of South Bend.

The tench of the Young incident is to me a cause celebro of 1944 football. That he came back to play against Michigan merely shows the fortitude and sheer guts of most American Negro athletes who carry on despite the weight of what I love to term—"the black man's burden."

DERRICOTTE HURT AS MICHIGAN TUMBLES

Pittsburgh Courier

By WENDELL SMITH,
Sports Editor

Pa.

COLUMBUS, Ohio—So the Scarlet Scourge of Ohio State, with bronze bombers Bill Willis and Matt Brown, are the kings of football in the Big Ten. Here in this football mad city Saturday afternoon the new champions came from behind twice before 71,958 roaring, screaming football fanatics to crush a game and gallant Michigan team, 18 to 14.

Scoring once in the first period, again in the third, and finally in the fourth, Ohio proved itself a great ball club by coming from behind twice and bringing home the bacon.

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Ollie Cline scored Ohio's first touchdown on an "inch" plunge, and Les Horvath, All-American quarterback, scored the other two on plunges. Both of Horvath's touchdown smashes were through left tackle where Bill Willis, great Negro tackle, plays.

Willis, Matt Brown, Gene Derricotte and Richard Jackson were the Negro players who participated in the game. Derricotte played exactly three minutes for Michigan, while Brown, Willis and Jackson were in and out all day.

Derricotte, Michigan's key halfback and a brilliant all-around player, carried the ball 11 yards for a first down the first time the Wolverines from Ann Arbor had the ball. He cut through right guard and plowed his way from the Michigan 20 to the 31. However, he was hurt a moment later when Flannagan, Ohio back, broke through left tackle and was headed for a touchdown. Derricotte came up from his defensive halfback post and drove into the goal-line-bound speedster. They collided head-on and Derricotte almost doubled up backwards as Flannagan tried to leap over his head. That was all for the plucky Negro back of Michigan and he was taken out of the game for the day.

With Derricotte out, Michigan lost much of its offensive power and he was sorely missed on defense as well.

Meantime Willis and Brown played brilliantly for the Buckeyes. Willis was a stone of wall on defense and Brown was the same as a defensive halfback.

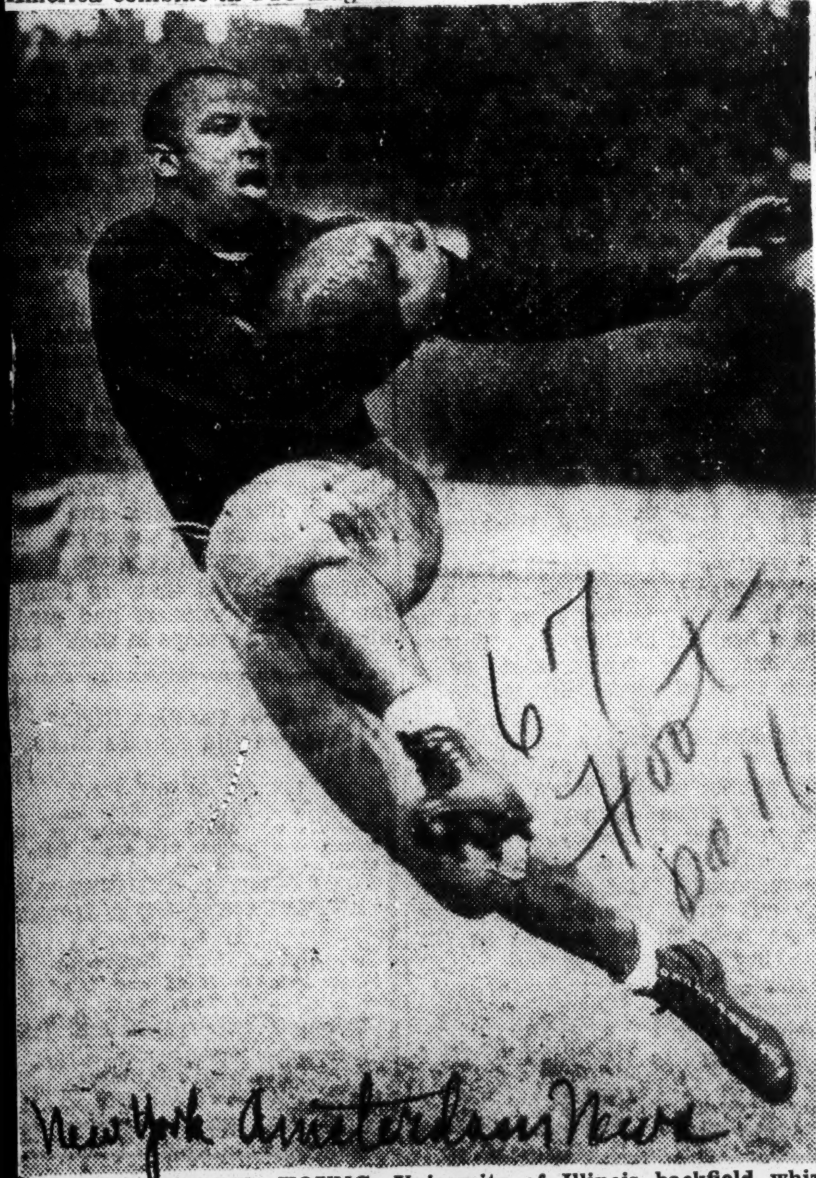
With less than seven minutes to play and trailing 14 to 12, Ohio State got a break when Michigan got off a short kick after scoring its second touchdown. Ohio took the ball on the 48 and marched to the four-yard line. During this drive Bill Willis was on the sidelines nursing an injured leg. However, when the Buckeyes arrived at this point, Willis came limping back into the ball game on the crest of a thunderous ovation by Ohio fans. On the first play after Willis came in, Les Horvath leaped through left tackle for the winning touchdown with but three minutes left to play.

Matt Brown did a man's job in the backfield on defense. He only carried the ball once on offense, but he did great work against

Michigan's tricky, speeding ball-toting backs. On one occasion Brown stopped a Michigan drive that threatened to end across the Ohio goal line. Michigan had marched from its own 23 to the Ohio 45 in four plays. Ralph Chubb, Michigan halfback, then hit center and Brown, coming up to help the line, snatched the ball out of his hands and was away for a touchdown when he slipped and fell.

Richard Jackson served as a capable end substitute for Ohio State.

The game was especially significant for Bill Willis, playing his final collegiate game. Last week he was named, along with Buddy Young, on the all-Big Ten team, and also on Bill Stern's annual All-America combine in PIC magazine.



New York Amsterdam News

CLAUDE (BUDDY) YOUNG, University of Illinois backfield whiz, and national AAU dash champion, who was named to Associated Press' All-Big Ten eleven last week.

Buddy Young's 93-Yard Dash Helps Illinois Tie Sailors

Afro American — Baltimore, Md. 10-7-44

Afro-American

GREAT LAKES, Ill. — Overcoming a tremendous advantage in experience, enjoyed by a veteran Great Lakes Naval Training Station eleven, University of Illinois, aided by a spectacular run of 93 yards to a touchdown by Buddy Young, tied the sailors, 26-26, here Saturday afternoon.

Young and his colored teammate, Paul Patterson, threw scare into the hearts of the seasoned Great Lakes performers and approximately 11,000 bluejackets who witnessed the contest.

Sparked by this paid, the surprising Illini chalked up a half-time lead of 19-6, only to have the errors of inexperience dissipate that advantage later.

Younger, former Wendell Phillips High School star and national AAU 100-yard dash champion, collared the first touchdown of the afternoon when he sprinted 93 yards through the Gob secondary while an awe-stricken enemy gathering, after a momentary silence, broke out in a thunderous cheer.

A disastrous third period, which saw the sailors turn two fumbles and an intercepted pass into three touchdowns, left the Illini on the short end, of a 26-19 count. A last-minute score by Patterson, on a pass from Don Greenwood (white), however, deadlocked the game and saved Illinois's unbeaten record.

Capital Classic Musings...

SGT. 'BILL' CHASE

Amsterdam News

New York, N.Y.

WASHINGTON, D. C.—When the powerful Tuskegee Army Air Field Warhawks scored the surprise upset of the season by nosing out the mighty Morgan College Bears the other Saturday night, they not only broke a football precedent that has existed for the past two years, but became, overnight the most popular men in all of Washington. T'was a game of games, filled with pigskin thrills, and played in ideal football weather. Beautiful women smartly dressed in tweeds, and furs with the traditional chrysanthemums added just that certain touch to help make it a memorable event. Old Willie Bryant himself was there to introduce "Miss Morgan," "Miss TAAF" and "Miss Classic" between halves, and what a conglomeration of loveliness!

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What was more interesting (having been away from the main scene so long) was the reunion of people along the Eastern Seaboard who are always on hand for "football classics" because it's ONE way of seeing friends you haven't seen for years. It was like old times running into such popular ex-New Yorkers as Ted and Marie Poston, Sinky Bourne, Ernest and Thelma Johnson, Kirk Jackson, Lowell Lomax, Lenny Warner, Gene Holmes, Christine Hawkins (still as cute as ever), Vera Ramos Gandy (whose husband Charley, was recently reported killed in action, and still later reported missing); Lois Hoage Smallwood, Sgt. and Mrs. James Baker, Dorothy Jones, Mabel Dudley of Brooklyn who was a sight for sore eyes.

Lem Graves There

Then there were the Lem Graves' from Norfolk, Ernestine Harvey of Montgomery, Ala., who is now a fashionable fashion artist in Gotham; Molly Moon looking streamlined and smooth as ever; Bill Smallwood the society columnist who travels the map from Coast to Coast as casually as a traveling salesman; and those charming gals from the Fourth Estate, Evelyn Sherrer and Evelyn Harding who dashed down especially for the game.. Miss Sherrer, to use an expression of several season's back, is still, to my mind, the smartest dressed gal in the professiona, and one of the coolest, too.

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Of course right after the game, the Tuskegee heroes were swamped with invitation for parties, and completely surrounded by lovelies who go for football men and especially if they be from the Air Corps. So at the reception held in their honor at Lucy Slowe Hall and Carver Hall, the grid stars missed nary a chance to see what Washington had to offer in the way of feminine charm—even forgetting for the moment a sprained finger here, an aching back there, not to mention a few slightly bruised eyes.

Boys Hated To Leave

To say that the fellows hated leaving DC so soon would be putting it mildly because it is one city where the hospitality flowed continually, and where every other girl is a potential pin-up — which is reason aplenty for wanting to stay Few of them bothered to try the night spots although there are plenty of local folk who don't seem to mind standing in long lines to get a chance to pay exorbitant prices for some sorry liquor, so-so food and plenty of smoke and noise.

However, I must say that Bengazi is certainly the most sophisticated club in this sector, and the Peter Rabbit Trio is one of the finest you're likely to encounter anywhere, with Basil Spears filling in with tantalizing pianology. We ran into her later on in the evening at Jean's and we think it only fair to say something about Miss Spears' singing which is definitely torchy and listenable. The Bengazi would do well to let her chirp a bit too, as it would relieve the tense formal atmosphere one feels in this smartly upholstered place.

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Lauds Nicholas Brothers

The Nicholas Brothers ran by during intermission at the Club Bali where they're as sensational as ever, and told us how glad they were to be working again as an act. Had no idea they were such football enthusiasts, as were also Count Basie and Thelma Carpenter who dashed over to Griffith stadium from the Howard Theatre where they're packing folks in like mad, aided by a swell show including Pops and Louie. If you get the idea that Washington is jumping these days (and nights) you're right. If you also get the idea that it also costs a pretty penny—you're right again! People don't seem to mind, though, so who are we to complain!

11-25-44

THIS AND THAT: Big plans are afoot for post-war football and Joe Louis and Bing Crosby have some plans that includes some of our outstanding pigskin stars. But you'll be hearing more about it later . . . The younger set in Washington and New York shocked to hear of the death of Pfc. Fred Robinson who was listed as killed in action in Italy on November 6. He was a former football star at St. Augustines' and before induction was a member of DC's police force . . . Muriel Scott, popular ex-New Yorker bedded from a recent minor operation, but doing swell at the moment . . . A prominent medico in the Capital City is in a bit of embarassing trouble as the result of a recent newspaper statement by a national glamor girl announcing her intentions of marrying him. It's almost as hush-hush as that much talked of New York case . . . People here much impressed by the sweetness of Lena Horne who hasn't changed a bit from those old days when she was a Brooklyn school gal . . . But ask the boys in Tuskegee Army Air Field about Lena. She came down to entertain us last year, and won the hearts of officers and enlisted men alike. James Davis, now a Warrant Officer in Camp Lee, has had his tune, "Lover Man" recorded by Lucky Millinder and Billie Holiday. Critics who've already heard the platter, as yet unreleased, swear it's La Holiday's best work to date. Billie might do herself proud and make a lot of GI's happy by doing a little tour of the camps. And a few other prominent stars might take the hint, too. It all goes towards winning the war, but soon!

Meet Paul Patterson, Illinois "Scat Back"

Afro American — Baltimore, Md.

Afro-American

CHAMPAIGN, Ill. (ANP) — Paul L. Patterson, hard running halfback and southpaw passer on Coach Ray Eliot's 1944 football team, comes by athletics naturally and from a family in which sports are traditional.

He's the seventh of the Patterson brothers, all of whom participated in athletics at East High School, Aurors, and when Pat wound up his prep career last February, it concluded a 20-year span in which some member of his family had been on an East High team.

10-7-44

Five brothers won letters before Paul earned the first of 11 which he collected in football, basketball and track, and the sixth brother, Leonard, had a promising career stopped by illness during his freshman year.

Pat's throwing arm, which is helping the Illini to touchdowns this season, gave him his greatest thrill in high school football. He pitched a 45-yard touchdown pass to give his team a 12-6 victory over its arch rival, West, in last year.

Pat likes the Eliot "T" forma- the traditional Aurora City battle tion especially from the viewpoint of the passer. "When you go back to throw, the ends can't know whether that's what you're going to do or if you're going to run with the ball. If the end comes in too far, then you can just cut around him and run."

Patterson did that on September 23, against Indiana only to have his touchdown nullified by a penalty. Earlier in the game another rule infraction had cost him a 90-yard scoring run.

However, Patterson, one of the most likable boys on the Illinois squad, wasn't too perturbed. He counted a third touchdown which was official and got his biggest satisfaction out of throwing a scoring pass to Eddie Bray, who caught a perfect toss over his shoulder while speeding into the end zone.

Daily Tribune

Chicago, Ill. 8-14-44

These three All-Star linemen know they are in for a battle when they meet the Bears and soon after arrival yesterday were on the practice field taking part in their first heavy workout. They are William Mayther, Oregon center (left); Roy Grefe, Franklin end (center), and J. C. Coffee, guard from Indiana.

Buddy Young To Practice With Illini

Memphis World

Memphis, Tenn.

7-28-44

By EDDIE T. JONES
Courier Sports Editor

CHAMPAIGN, Ill.— (SNS) — Claude Keystone "Buddy" Young, outstanding college sprinter produced this year, may be shouldering a gun when the Illini open their football campaign against Normal university here Sept. 16, but just in case medicos at the Chicago induction center reject him when he reports for his physical examination, he wants to be in condition to carry the ball for the U. of I.

7-28-44

So, the Phillips Flyer will make his first appearance in Illinois football togs this week and will work with the squad of 80-odd young men who are grooming for the 1944 season. Buddy and Bob Kelly, Illinois superb 440-880 performer and captain this year, were in Fort Erie, Ont., Saturday for an invitational meet. They are to arrive in Champaign today and Buddy plans to check out equipment on Monday

Should Like T

Young, aided by his dazzling speed, was the de Correvont, and the Griffin and the Baranoswki of prep football in the Windy City last fall combined with his blinding springs is the ability, say the experts is cut, give it the zig when a would-be tackle zags and vice versa. His works on defense was acceptable .How he will fare in the Western conference is an item that can be reported later, but his speed, welded to Illinois' T formation, should rank him with the most dangerous runners in the nation.

Negro Football Players Get More Breaks at University of Illinois

Call — Kansas City, Mo.

By PERCY LEE

CHAMPAIGN. — (ANP) — A very interesting example of an attempt to integrate the relations of Negroes and whites can be noticed currently on the campus of the University of Illinois. The fact that when an achievement of merit is attained by a Negro, and due credit is given for the achievement, is significant of the gradual trend toward interracial harmony.

8-25-44

During the 1944 indoor and outdoor Big Ten track season two Negro youths were the deciding factors in all the meets. These two Negroes, Captain "Bob" Kelley and "Buddy" Young, have created an impressive and sensational track record which is unparalleled in the history of the University of Illinois. It is imperative that the reader note that "Bob" Kelley is the first Negro to ever have the honor of being captain of the Illini track team, and that he is also the first Negro to become president of the Tribe of Illini, which is one of the oldest athletic organizations on the campus as well as the most powerful. It must also be noted that Claude "Buddy" Young, the Illini's nationally known speedster, is no doubt the first freshman to have the honor of being selected the "athlete of the year," which was also shared with Captain "Bob" Kelley who placed second in the annual event.

There are 5 Negro boys practicing with the Illini football team. These boys are Paul L. Patterson, member of the Tribe of Illini, Don Johnson, star football player from Wendell Phillips high school in Chicago, Charles Starks, star football player from Charleston high school in West Virginia, Claude "Buddy" Young, sensational indoor and outdoor trackman and star of Wendell Phillips' public high school championship football team of 1943 and 1944 and Theodore Austin, from Weller high school in Chicago. Judging from the opinions of local sportswriters, these colored boys have indicated that they have the ability to earn worthy positions for themselves on the Illini football squad.

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I believe that fellows like "Bob" Kelley, "Buddy" Young and the many other promising colored athletes who are endeavoring to prepare themselves for the football season, are the ones that are paving the way for future colored athletes at the University of Illinois. This university has set an example, which, if followed by other leading universities, would help to promote better race relations and develop an understanding between the Negro and the white man, and tend to unite the efforts of both groups toward one common purpose — interracial understanding as well as interracial appreciation.

Mistakes Beat Illinois, Says Eliot; Lauds Buddy Young

Tribune — Chicago, Ill.

10-31-44

Ray Eliot, football coach of the University of Illinois, yesterday made a goal line stand against Sunday morning second guessers who toss verbal passes at collegiate quarter backs following Saturday defeats.

Ray Eliot.

Speaking before the Monday Quarter Back luncheon in the Morrison hotel, Eliot, altho tracing last Saturday's 13 to 7 defeat by Notre Dame to mistakes and inexperience of his athletes, had nothing but praise for his team.

"The Illinois squad," said Eliot, "is made up principally of 17 and 18 year old kids. They made mistakes against Notre Dame and they lacked the experience to cope with the experience which stands out in the play and maneuvers of the Irish. However, I still take my hat off to those Illinois kids in putting up the great game they did against the team that is rated No. 1 in the nation.

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Calls Young All-American.

"I have been asked why I did not send Buddy Young into the game Saturday in the second half. When I went into the dressing room between halves Buddy was stretched out on the rubbing table—out on his feet and certainly in no shape to play in the second half. He did come on the field later and wanted to get back into the game, but in my opinion he was not physically able to resume.

"I will say this about Buddy Young. If there is an All-American player in the Western conference that boy is my candidate. I have heard remarks that he is weak on defense, but this is wrong. Buddy has demonstrated his defensive ability all season and this was particularly true in the game with Pittsburgh when he did a fine job of blocking for Don Greenwood.

"After-game quarter backs are also asking why Illinois elected to try a running play Saturday when it was fourth down and 12 yards to go—why our quarter back tried another play when we had one yard to go on fourth down when the quarter back sneak had been working beautifully all afternoon. I would like to know the answers to those questions, too, but I couldn't criticize Illinois quarter backs for their decisions and I don't think anybody else has the right to do so."

10-31-44

That Illini-Wolverine Game.

Wally Weber, Michigan scout, predicted that one of the highest scoring games of the season will be played Nov. 11 when the Illini and the Wolverines meet in Ann Arbor. He based his prediction on the theory that the offensive departments of both teams are stronger than the defensive. Weber also predicted that the Wolverines will lose much of their effectiveness with the loss of Capt. R. L. Wiese and Bob Nussbaumer, who played their final 1944 game last Saturday.

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Jim Kelly, head track coach and a football scout at Minnesota, said that opponents were doing most of their scoring on the Gophers' favorite play, the fumble. Kelly also declared that Dr. George Hauser still is in charge of the football team at Minnesota and that Bernie Bierman is remaining in the role of observer at practice sessions until he resumes active connection at Minneapolis the first of the year.

Play-by-Play With Young and Patterson at Champaign

Afro American — Baltimore, Md.

10-14-44

CHAMPAIGN, Ill. — A play-by-play record of the performances of Buddy Young an Paul Patterson, "scat-back twins" of the University of Illinois, in that school's loss to Purdue here Saturday, follows:

On Offense

FIRST QUARTER

Patterson started at halfback. Young remained out of game.

Paul, working with interference, blocked out Chalmers Elliott, Purdue halfback, as teammate, Eddie Gray peeled off 23-yard run at right end.

Got 10 yards at right tackle and first down before being downed by Boris Dimancheff, Purdue halfback star.

Took Ray Schultz, quarterback, out of play as Bray added 35 yards o first down on Purdue 22. Schultz immediately withdrawn by Coach Cecil Isbell.

Missed block on John Morton, end, as Bray gained 3.

Sidestepped way 11 yards to first down on Purdue 9. Swept Morton off feet as Bray went to 6, a gain that was killed by 15-yard penalty for holding, called on Illinois lineman.

Served as cover for Bray on incompleted pass.

Threw bullet-like pass to Bray but latter was unprepared and ball changed hands.

SECOND QUARTER

Young replaced Bray at two minutes of period.

Long Purdue pass, Schultz to Elliott, netted Purdue touchdown following steady Boilermaker advance from own 21.

Illinois began hard use of Young and Patterson after Purdue kick-off was taken by Lou Agase, end, to re-open play.

Young got 2 at center of line.

He added 4 more after 3 by Don Greenwood, to put ball within foot of first down.

Patterson hit line, Young blocked defensive end, former going through for first down.

Paul got another first down over his own right tackle to place ball at midfield.

Young got 14 yards on two successive thrusts at line for another first down.

Patterson got 1 yard, Young 2, to place line of scrimmage on Purdue

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Young took lateral from Agase following pass from Greenwood, sprinting remaining distance for 33-yard touchdown.

Paul saved safety and grave error in judgment when official ruled Purdue kick-off, taken by him and run back, was touchback, holding ball entered end zone of its own momentum and not as result of fumble. Illini began play on own 20.

Patterson got 5 yards, Young aiding in interference, hitting and removing Dimancheff from play.

THIRD QUARTER

Young fumbled on first scrimmage by Illini, ball recovery to Elliott for Purdue on Illinois 39.

Buddy took Purdue punt on 3, advanced ball to 28 before being halted.

Young skirted own left end for 43 yards and first down.

Paul, on next play, slipped through right tackle for 29-yard touchdown run, second half being only three minutes old at this point. Score: Purdue 14, Illinois 13.

After Purdue lost ball deep in Illini territory, Patterson fumbled on own 7, Boilermakers recovering. Ed Cody went over in two rushes for third alien touchdown. Purdue leads, 21-13.

Patterson halted without gain after Purdue kick-off was taken by John Odd, Illini end.

Young got 20 yards at right end for first down

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On next play, Young circled left end for 40 yards for touchdown.

Young received tremendous ovation as he left field with substitution of Greenwood.

Don Johnson, another Wendell Phillips (Chicago) product, entered at fullback.

Johnson blocked out Cody as Patterson got 6 at left tackle.

Young returned to game with three minutes of quarter remaining.

Patterson got 8 at left tackle and Young added 4 more for another first down for "twins" on successive plays.

Young and Paul served as protection for Greenwood but latter's attempted pass to Agase was intercepted by Elliott.

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FOURTH QUARTER

Patterson made costly fumble, ball being reportedly stolen from him as he was tackled without gain.

Young took kick-off for runback of 7 to Illinois 26.

Young got 4 at left guard.

Young fumbled. Purdue's Morris Kaastad recovered on Illinois 28.

Again Purdue took advantage of fumble, going over for fifth touchdown, 35-19.

Patterson fumbled kick-off but recovered on own 19.

Paul got 3 at left end.

Young fumbled but recovered. He was slightly hurt on play and withdrawn along with Patterson.

On Defense

FIRST QUARTER

Patterson aided Ralph Serpico in stopping Elliott without gain on fourth play of contest following Illinois kick-off.

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Paul and Serpico collaborated to bring down Cody short of Purdue first down.

Patterson was removed from play by Purdue backs running interference, Cody making 33 yards at his flank.

SECOND QUARTER

Paul was down under kick-off before entire Illinois line, bottling up Elliott before latter could return ball.

Young entered contest.

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Young entered contest.

Young smothered Morton, Purdue end, as Elliott tossed long pass in vain.

Patterson covered Elliott as Schultz made futile attempt to pass.

Young tackled Dimancheff after latter had broken through Illinois secondary and was on way to touchdown.

Paul helped Serpico down Cody on Illini 11.

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Both covered flanks but Schultz passed over center of line for first down on Illinois 4.

THIRD QUARTER

Young covered Morton and Patterson blocked out Orr as Schultz tried in vain to find a pass-receiver.

Young again saved Illinois a touchdown when he dropped Dimancheff after he had eluded locals' secondary for 40 yards.

Patterson and Odd together downed Dimancheff as latter took lateral from Elliott.

Don Johnson, chasing a kick-off after Young had run 40 yards to touchdown, felled Stan Dubicki as Purdue halfback picked up ball on own 9.

Patterson and Johnson tackled Cody without gain on attempted end run.

Johnson smeared interference but Dimancheff succeeded in getting 8 yards.

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Patterson pounded through Purdue forwards and stopped Cody before play could get underway.

Young replaced Johnson.

FOURTH QUARTER

Patterson and Serpico stopped Elliott after gain of 2 yards.

Paul smothered Morton's attempted catch of a pass from Schultz.

For the third time, Young came up from safety position to thwart possible Purdue touchdown when Elliott took toss from Schultz.

Young missed the ball in attempting to block touchdown pass from Schultz to Morton.

Young smeared Dimancheff on Illinois 11 but Boilermakers added another first down.

Illini Stars Shine:

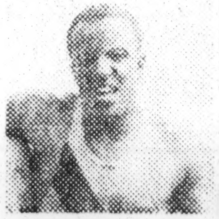
Paul Patterson Leads Victory Over Indiana

Journal + Guide

Norfolk, Va.

Special to Journal and Guide

CHAMPAIGN, Ill.—Paul Patterson, young University of Illinois halfback, will be a marked man in the Illini lineup in the future following his brilliant play Saturday in leading his team to a 26-18 triumph over the University of Indiana in a Big Ten Conference fray here in Memorial Stadium.



YOUNG

9-30-44

The Aurora, Ill., flash put the Illini back in the ball game after Indiana rushed over a two-touchdown lead. Claude (Buddy) Young, national dash champion, grabbed a Don Greenwood pass for the third score and what proved the winning tally. Greenwood topped off the Illini scoring by racing 62 yards with an intercepted pass.

LONG RUN NULLIFIED

But, it was Patterson, a surprise starter, who played one of the great games in Illinois football history, rich in the tradition of the immortal Red Grange.

On the fifth play, he grabbed a punt by Abe Adams and raced 89 yards into the end zone, but the play was nullified as Illinois was penalized for clipping. After a Ramondi to Miller pass set the stage, Jagade scored from the three-yard line for the Hoosiers. Later Patterson fumbled deep in his territory and Jagade carried over for the second Indiana marker.

PASS CLICKS

9-30-44

Undaunted, Illinois marched 62 yards to score before the half ended on a short pass from Patterson to Eddie Braye. Patterson is a left-handed passer.

A spirited Illini marched downfield early in the third quarter, bogging down on the 29-yard marker. On fourth down, with two yards to go for a first down, Patterson crashed over left tackle and scored to tie the game. Later, trapped while attempting to pass, he ran 15 yards for a score, but this was also nullified.

YOUNG BREAKS TIE

The tie was broken on a beautifully executed 47-yard pass and run play from Quarterback Don Greenwood to Buddy Young, who grabbed the ball on the 30-yard marker. He jumped high to snare the ball from two would-be defenders and literally streaked across the goal in his dash stride.

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In addition to his fine offensive work, Patterson was a top defensive star on the field. Twice he race down under kick-offs to nab the Indiana ball carrier near the 10-yard stripe. During the very rouch fray both Patterson and Young were knocked out and forced from the game. Both came back.

AFRO Follows Every Move of Young, Patterson as Fumbles Beat Illini

Afro American — Baltimore, Md.

10-14-44

By SAM LACY

AFRO Sports Editor

CHAMPAIGN, Ill.—The story of University of Illinois's 35-19 loss to Purdue here Saturday is no more nor less than a story of two 18-year-old colored boys, just out of high school, being given the superhuman task of standing off a powerful Big Ten football eleven.

That was the case as Claude (Buddy) Young and Paul Patterson, the Illini's "scat-back twins," failed in a valiant attempt to conquer the team which shared with Michigan the 1943 conference title, and, incidentally, the same team which knocked over a better-balanced Illinois outfit to the tune of 40-21 last season.

That was the case, particularly after Eddie Bray, their very capable running mate in the Illinois backfield, was carried off the field at the start of the second quarter, severely injured. Bray's departure from the game meant simply that the attacking strength of the Illini was wrapped up, wholly and solely, in the collective efforts of Young and Patterson.

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He had led the Big Ten in ball-carrying last year, averaging 7.1 yards per try over the season.

With no third man to pester them, and with the locals' air game no major factor, the Boilermakers had only to concentrate on stopping the colored pair in order to gain the decision. Even then, they made no howling success in this department, for it was Paul's and Buddy's inability to hang onto the ball that brought disaster to the Illini rather than the Purdue defense.

Between them, Young and Patterson made seven fumbles, three of which were turned into touchdowns by the opposition. And these fumbles, for the most part, were made by lads who were dead tired rather than careless.

Illinois at no time was in the lead. Purdue counted touchdowns in the first half with their Stan Dubicki converting on both occasions. However, the Illini was spared a shutout going into the intermission when Young streaked 33 yards for a score after taking a lightning-like lateral from Lou Agase, end, who in turn had been the target of a pass from Don Greenwood, the Illinois quarterback.

The play was manufactured with such swiftness that many of the 15,210 persons on hand did not know what had happened until Buddy was crossing into the end zone with four Purdue backs following in his dust.

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The first of the series of Illinois miscues occurred in the second quarter when Patterson permitted the kick-off by Purdue to bounce off his left shoulder into the end zone. He recovered the ball and was downed behind the goal line. Referee Lyle Clarno ruled, however, that he had given no new impetus to the ball and that the kick-off had traveled into the end zone, thus saving Patterson the blame of handing Purdue two points through the medium of a safety.

Young fumbled on his 39 shortly after the beginning of the third period, but no serious consequences followed. Patterson's muff on the 7 near the close of the period, though, resulted in a Purdue touchdown two plays later.

In the fourth quarter, both Young and Patterson made errors which were turned into alien touchdowns, the former on his own 28, and the latter on the Illini 19.

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Two other miscues had no damaging results except that they lost possession of the ball for Illinois.

In the face of all these mishaps, however, both the Aurora lad and his Chicago contemporary were keeping the Illini in the game with scintillating offensive work. Young made two of the three Illinois touchdowns and Patterson accounted for the other.

With Bray out of the game, the Illini strategy called for the two colored boys to alternate in lugging the ball with no hope of any substantial help from the rest of their backfield mates. It was in this manner that they got across for their other two markers.

Young would carry the ball, then

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Patterson, then Young.

Repeated over and over again, the formula was dissipated when Purdue realized what was happening. They apparently decided that after Young carried the ball, they could concentrate on Patterson for the next play, and vice versa.

Just the same, Patterson kicked off 38 yards for a score in the early moments of the second half and Young chalked up the third and final Illinois touchdown on a 40-yard jaunt midway of the same period.

Incidentally, this 40-yard sprint resulted when Purdue was crossed up by the simple process of Buddy running the ball twice in succession, catching the Boilermaker defense by surprise, it having decided that it was Patterson's turn to handle the oval.

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In addition to their sparkling ball-carrying, both lads acquitted themselves well on defense. On no less than three occasions, Buddy charged up from his safety position to nail the fleet Boris Dimancheff after he had broken through the secondary and was touchdown-bound.

'Scat-Back Twins' Not Only Colored Illini

CHAMPAIGN, Ill. — What with the nation's headlines singing the praises of Claude (Buddy) Young and Paul Patterson, the impression is easily gotten that the "scat-back twins" are the only topline colored players on the University of Illinois football squad.

This is not true. The Illini boasts four sepia crackerjacks on the first three teams, with a fifth prospect ready to be moved up to the ranks of the reserves with a little more seasoning.

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In addition to Young and Patterson, Coach Ray Eliot has a high regard for Don Johnson, a teammate of the former at Wendell Phillips, Chicago, in 1943, and Charley Starks, of Charleston, W.Va. Johnson, Eliot declares, is one of the best defensive backs on the squad and Starks, with steadying, will be a valuable man both in attack and on defense.

A fifth man, Buster Mitchell, is a rangy prospect for the wing position.

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Was Buddy Young Cause of Notre Dame Collapse?

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AFRO Thinks Illinois Star "Softened Up" Irish for Navy and Army to Humiliate

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By SAM LACY
AFRO Sports Editor

Can Buddy Young, the beige comet in the University of Illinois backfield, be blamed for the falling to pieces of the Notre Dame team?

Did the young Chicago speedster and his mates at Champaign do something to the morale of the supposedly invincible Irish to cause them to tumble from the ranks of the gridiron exalted to the depths of the nation's second-raters within two weeks after their October 28 meeting?

Was the Illini, paced by her 18-year-old colored star, responsible for what happened to the South Benders the two Saturdays past, when they were trounced, 32-15, by Navy and lambasted by the Army, 59-0?

Could be!

The way we see it, Young and Co. "softened up" Notre Dame for the two service teams, both of which have suddenly gained the nation's spotlight since soundly thumping the Irish.

Was it not by calling on every "break" in the book that Notre Dame lucked out in their 13-7 triumph over Illinois? And is it not true that repercussions are still being felt at South Bend from the questionable victory they scored over Buddy and his cohorts?

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It's no secret that Coach Ed McKeever has been the recipient of many letters sounding him out on the judgment of the officials in twice recalling Illinois scoring plays for penalties on fouls, factual or otherwise. Nor is it unlikely that McKeever has had to do a lot of explaining to clear up the incident which resulted in the "accidental" kick in the head suffered by Young, and which necessitated his watching the entire second half from the sidelines.

Until that contest with the Illini, Notre Dame was riding the crest of a victory wave, ranked at the top of the nation's grid teams. They were quite satisfied with themselves and fully confident that another championship season was in store for them.

The newspapers all over the country were "playing up" the Buddy Young-Bob Kelly duel, many sharing the opinion that the crack Notre Dame back would outshine the colored boy at Champaign.

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But, lo and behold, the game was only a few minutes old when Young broke loose for a 74-yard sprint that was terminated behind the Irish goal line. And, lo and behold, the same lad, together with his pals, Paul Patterson and Don Johnson, peeled off several other nerve-shattering runs before the half time was reached.

Yes, believe you us, the Irish took quite a scare in that tiff, enough of a scare to tear their aura of invincibility to shreds.

There's more than one way of "softening up" an opponent besides beating him to a frazzle physically. This time it was, we think, psychologically.

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MAKING GOOD IN PRO FOOTBALL—Tommy Mills (left), brilliant quarterback of the famed Los Angeles Bulldogs, is one of the many Negro stars playing professional football on the Pacific Coast. Mills formerly starred at Xavier university in New Orleans. In the other photo, Charles (Chuck) Anderson and Clem Hooks, ends for the Los Angeles Wildcats of the American Pro league, talk shop with Coach Elmer (Gloomy Gus) Henderson.

TOPS IN 1944

Buddy Young Dominates Sprint Field

Claude (Buddy) Young, University of Illinois freshman, was the outstanding figure on the American track scene in 1944. A superb runner at any distance from 60 yards indoors to 220 yards outdoors, Young won all Western Conference sprint titles, the Central Collegiate and National championships, and also took the 100-yard race at the Drake relays and a National A.A.U. title.

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YOUNG'S best time for 100 yards was made in a triangular meet May 13 in Ann Arbor, Mich., in which Illinois, Michigan and Purdue competed. This was 9.5 seconds, one-tenth of a second slower than the world record. In a quadrangular meet involving Illinois, Purdue, Northwestern and Indiana, Young set his best mark for 220 yards at 20.9 seconds.

Robeson Unimpressive in Game Against Navy

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Paul Robeson, Jr., star end of the Cornell University football team, failed to show the brilliant form which caused him to be acclaimed by daily and weekly writers, when he appeared here Saturday against navy.

Robeson, sharing the misfortune of the outclassed Big Red eleven, appeared dull in the contest, making but one tackle all afternoon, missing frequently and otherwise showing to decided disadvantage as the Tars ran up their 48-0 triumph.

Robeson, Jr.

Close observers were divided in their opinions about the game and Robeson's performance. Some held that he was simply suffering an "off" day and that it unfortunately fell on a day that his mates were completely overshadowed by a superior team.

Others suggested that the 16-year-old freshman was intimidated by the taunts and slurs of the Annapolis players, many of whom came from the South.

Whatever the cause, Robeson was far from the player who figured so prominently in Cornell's defeat of Bucknell and Columbia.

Twice in the first period, young Paul was mouse-trapped as he sought to break up a Navy run at his flank, the ball-carrier winding up with a substantial gain. Again in the third quarter, he was completely swept out of the play by the Navy reserves as Bruce Smith negotiated 26 yards around his end.

On offense he had little chance. The Navy line consistently outcharged the Cornell forward wall to smear plays and render unnecessary the carrying out of his blocking assignments. So decisive was the Navy superiority that he was not called upon for his end around play and only on one occasion was he made the target of a Cornell forward pass.

Robeson, however, was not alone in his lack of brilliance. The unusually strong Navy team completely eclipsed Cornell and the Big Red's entire offense was smothered before it could get rolling.

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Robeson Has No Alibi for Baltimore Showing

Paul Robeson, Jr., whose failure to play with his usual brilliance against Navy at Baltimore on Saturday disappointed many colored fans, offered no alibi for his below-par performance.

The 16-year-old son of the actor-singer told the AFRO he "just couldn't get going." He unhesitatingly put the lie to reports that Navy players tried to intimidate him during the game with taunts and slurs about his race.

"No one said anything to me," Robeson told the AFRO. "I had no reason to feel intimidated, it was simply that I just couldn't get going, I guess."

Six Negroes In One Big Ten Game—And Five At One Time

Chicago Defender 11-25-44

CLEVELAND, Ohio. — The great crowd of 83,627 that watched the Ohio State University Buckeyes of Columbus, Ohio, turn back a plucky University of Illinois team last Saturday was out there to see two things — Ohio State play and Buddy Young run. The throng which happens to have been the largest gathering in college football this season didn't see much of Young. He was in and out of the game and warmed the bench for the most part of second half because of injuries.

Fay Young

Young picked up only 61 yards and his best run was for 27. He set up an Ohio score by fumbling on the Illinois 47.

Young left this city still two touchdowns away from Red Grange's all-time Illinois record and unless he can get loose on Saturday, Nov. 25, at Evanston when the Illini clash with the Northwestern eleven he will not get another chance this season. Young, who is classified as 1-A and has passed his physical, and his mates will be playing a team which has yet to win a major college engagement this season.

Everybody had to hand it to Don Greenwood who stole the spotlight as far as ground gaining for Illinois was concerned. He made two touchdowns and lugged the ball 90 yards in nine plays. For Ohio State, the All American candidate. Les Horvath, toted the pigskin 22 times for 109 yards, passed six times, completing three for a total of 55 yards.

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We saw something which caused us to marvel and believe America is finally waking up. Here was the throng, all of whom paid Buddy Young a tribute when he left the game. College football should know no color. Saturday, the most died-in-the-wool Ohio State fans all acknowledged Young was a great player and about the fastest thing on two feet.

Another thing which attracted our attention was the three Negro players on Ohio State who were all in the game at one time or other. There was big Mathew Brown from Canton, Ohio, who plays fullback; Richard Jackson, end from Wellsville, Ohio, and Bill Willis, the senior and guard from Columbus, Ohio. Willis and Brown are lettermen.

Now get a glimpse of this and imagine my enjoyment. There they were — all five in a Big Ten game at one time — three on Ohio State and while at the same time for Illinois was Young and Paul Patterson who got away for a 38-yard run and had it not been for his own interference getting in his way would have scored a touchdown. As it was Patterson put the ball on the Ohio State four, Young made three and Greenwood carried it over. That was in the fourth quarter. When Young went out Don Johnson, halfback from Chicago's Wendell Phillips, went in. Illinois lugged Charles Starks, Charleston, W. Va., here with the squad. He is a halfback but didn't get into the fray.

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All but Starks got into the game. That makes a total of six colored boys in one BIG TEN game—a record we would say. We scratch our graying head and try to think. Yep—the nearest thing to it that we can recall since 1898 was that game between Iowa and Minnesota some years back when Don and Ozzie Simmons along with Homer Harris, lineman and captain, played for the Hawkeyes while Horace Bell on the line and Dwight Reed was in there for the Gophers.

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Well, here we were in Mayor Frank Lausche's town. Democratic Mr. Lausche told some of his advisers who didn't want Negroes and whites mixed in the fire department companies and declared a riot would follow that he was putting them to work. Said the man whom the Democrats elected as governor of Ohio, "I haven't heard of any trouble yet." There are Negro women and men on the bus and street cars but the thing that got us was the women driving street cars and women conductors.

Negro Grid Ace Runs Through Notre Dame For Illinois 6-Pointer

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Claude (Buddy) Young Electrifies Sports World With Unbelievable 74-Yard Feat

By HAYWARD JACKSON

(Amsterdam News Wire Service)

MEMORIAL STADIUM, Press Box, Champaign, Ill.—(Special)—Claude (Buddy) Young's 74-yard touchdown run three and a half minutes after the opening whistle gave a fighting Illinois eleven a seven point lead here Saturday, but Notre Dame bounced back to score twice and win the contest by a 13-7 count. A crowd of 65,114 homecoming fans saw the most startling spectacle in football since Fritz Pollard ran over Yale University for Brown University back in 1916 when the dimunitive Buddy, holder of the national AAU sprint championship performed the unbelievable feat of running through the entire Notre Dame team.

The world-famed Irish from South Bend, Ind., will never live it down. Young did it again—ran through Notre Dame for 47 yards and a touchdown in the second quarter, but the play was called back.

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Had Young been able to play the full game, Illinois might have upset the dope and turned back Notre Dame, headed apparently for another national collegiate football championship. But Young was kicked in the head on the last play in the second quarter and could not return to the fray. He sat, however, on the bench and refused to leave, trying to holler his teammates into the win column. As the sun dimmed on the beautiful ramparts of the stadium, hundreds of alumni and fans from the hinterlands of Illinois went home singing the praises of a valiant team and of a valiant Buddy Young, in spite of the defeat, which really is a moral victory. On two occasions Illinois backs were shaken loose for long runs and touchdowns, but on both occasions, penalties nullified the scores.

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Late in the second quarter Young virtually exploded through left tackle, twisted his way into the clear and outfooted the Notre Dame secondary to the goal. The touchdown was nullified and Illinois penalized for too much time in the huddle.

Don Greenwood, white, who played a whale of a game for the Illini, bull-dozed his way through center and from his own 30 in the final moments of the fourth quarter and galloped 70 yards to score, but again the Illinois fans were given a decided shock when the play was called back and the team penalized for holding.

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Two Other Negroes Star

Two other Negro members of the fighting Illini, Don Johnson, teammate of Buddy Young at Chicago's Wendell Phillips High School, and Paul Patterson, the demon triple threat flash from Peoria, Ill., lived up to all advance predictions. Each turned in super performances, and Patterson, playing more than 55 minutes of the contest, bore the brunt of his team's burden, although he was backed up with superb teamwork by the entire team.

The highly-publicized Irish eleven was outplayed throughout the battle with the statistics showing Illinois gaining 343 yards by rushing while the Irish got only 132. Illinois made 14 first downs to Notre Dame's 8. Aside from the crippling injury to Buddy Young, the one big play that killed Illini chances of scoring an upset was the fourth quarter scoring play that sealed the contest. Dumped back to their own 29 on a holding plate, Frank Danciewicz, Notre Dame quarterback, flipped a short pass over the line to Bob Kelly on the 35 and he shoveled the ball to Achilles (Chick) Maggioli, a slender Marine trainee playing his last game for Notre Dame, who galloped 65 yards for the winning touchdown. Maggioli added the extra point through center. Kelly had scored the first Irish tally shortly after Young's scoring venture in the first quarter. The Irish recovered a fumble on the Illini 16 and six plays later, scored with Kelly carrying from the 3. The try for the extra point failed and Illini led, 7-6.

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Young All-American Timber

Regardless of his inability to continue in the game, many of America's greatest sports writers declared Buddy Young is real All-America timber. Statistics show that he carried the ball 8 times for a total gain of 92 yards, an average of 11.5 yards per try. Bob Kelly, Notre Dame star, carried the ball 18 times for 51 yards and a net gain of 2.04 yards. Buddy's touchdown here Saturday was his 11th for the season, leaving him two short of Red Grange's 13 markers. Paul Patterson was severely injured in the last quarter, but remained in the game. He carried the ball 19 times for 100 yards, an average of 5 yards per attempt. The Aurora, Ill., youth stood out on both offense and defense, but several of his longer runs were called back because of penalties.

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Don Johnson, Young's teammate at Wendell Phillips, showed his wares by handling the ball 8 times for 92 yards for a 11.7 average.

Officials of Illinois and the entire student body of the university are high in praise for Young, Patterson and Johnson. Athletic Director Doug Mills told me: "Illinois University would feel the same about these fellows if they were not athletes because they are just that kind of gentlemen." Athletic Publicity Director Charles E. Flynn will long be remembered by this writer for his genuine kindness and attentiveness, and by all in the press box for that matter. All of the pre-game ceremonies and half-time revelry was uniquely carried out by the school's Army and Navy units. Hundreds of Negro fans from all sections helped swell the 34th annual homecoming crowd. The writer was the only Negro in the press coop.

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That Man Young Again!

Baltimore, Md.
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CHAMPAIGN, Ill.—It was Buddy Young, "that man," again here last Saturday.

The freshman halfback of the University of Illinois gridiron squad continued unhampered by Big Ten college defenses as he gained a total of 139 yards in seven tries to pace the Illini in its 40-6 win over Iowa.

The Chicago speed demon, on the very first play of the game, scampered 64 yards around his right end for a touchdown. And as if this weren't sufficient for his opening minutes' efforts, he repeated his scoring performance six minutes later with a 30-yard trek to pay dirt.

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After two quarters of Young and the Illini, Iowa was allowed to breathe easier. Coach Ray Eliot took him out.

Four Buckeyes Named on Big Nine All-Star Selection

[BY THE ASSOCIATED PRESS.]

Ohio State won four positions to dominate the 1944 All-Western Conference eleven selected yesterday for the Associated Press by league football coaches and their aids. The Buckeyes' brilliant Leslie Horvath was the only unanimous choice of the experts.

Michigan, Illinois, and Purdue gained two berths each, while Indiana placed one player on the honor team. Minnesota and Northwestern received second team representation, while Wisconsin and Iowa were relegated to the honorable mention list.

Les Horvath.

Boris Dimancheff.

As in 1943, only one freshman was selected on the first team, this year's nominee being Claude [Buddy] Young of Illinois. There was only one repeater from last year, Bill Willis, Ohio State's giant Negro tackle. Fifty-four players in all were named in the balloting.

Dimancheff Rates Highly.

Rounding out the back field with Horvath, the 167 pound Buckeye dynamo, and the 160 pound Young were Quarter Back Joe Ponsetto of Michigan, one of the two navy trainees named, and Full Back Boris Dimancheff of Purdue, who had 14 of a possible 18 votes.

Top choice lineman was Jack Dugger, Ohio State's 210 pound end, who missed unanimous selection by a single vote. Bill Hackett, Buckeye guard, grabbed 16 ballots, one more than Willis, who completed the Ohio State quartet.

Michigan's crack defensive tackle, 23 year old Milan Lazetich, easily won pairing with Willis with 14 votes. Altho he played in only three conference games, Frank Bauman of Purdue polled 12 votes for the other wing berth. Bauman, a marine trainee, was transferred in mid-season from Purdue.

John Tavener of Indiana, who played tackle on defense, topped the centers with 13 votes. Ralph [Babe] Serpico of Illinois was bracketed at guard with Hackett with 11 ballots.

Mostly Civilians.

Despite its predominantly civilian complexion, the All-Star array has plenty of experience with an average player age of almost 21 years. The line averages 203 pounds, compared with a relatively light back field of 172.

The unheralded Ponsetto, 185 pound workhorse of a surprising Michigan team, apparently was rewarded for his diligence in keeping the Wolverine attack rolling after Bob Wiese and Bob Nussbaumer were transferred in mid-season. A bruising blocker and spirited competitor, Ponsetto shaded Don Greenwood of Illinois for the signal calling post.

Wiese made a strong showing in the full back balloting, but the position went to 178 pound Dimancheff, who operated both at half back and full back and was a scoring threat thruout the season.

No Doubt About It!

The majority of the coaches named Horvath at half back, altho his ability at quarter back was invaluable to Ohio State. It was as a running passing threat, however, that the 23 year old dental student demoralized Buckeye opponents. The offensive possibilities of the Horvath-Young half back combination would fire the imagination of any coach.

Altho hampered by injuries after the Notre Dame game, Young was a marked man until the season closed. He was perhaps the nation's fastest ball carrier and a capable all-around performer despite his small stature.

Bob Hoernschemeyer, Indiana's stellar passer, and Wayne [Red] Williams, Minnesota's fine runner, received strong support along with Tackle Rudy Sikich of Minnesota, Guard Ray Justak of Northwestern and Center Gordon Appleby of Northwestern.

Big Nine Best

THE 1944 All-Western conference first and second teams, as selected by conference coaches for the Associated Press follows:

Position.	Player.	Status.	Age.
L. E.	Jack Dugger [O. S.]	Sr.	21
L. T.	Bill Willis [O. S.]	Sr.	23
L. G.	Ralph Serpico [Ill.]	Soph.	19
C.	John Tavener [Ind.]	Sr.	21
R. G.	Bill Hackett [O. S.]	Jr.	21
R. T.	Milan Lazetich [Mich.]	Soph.	23
R. E.	Frank Bauman [Pur.]	V-12	20
Q. B.	Joe Ponsetto [Mich.]	V-12	18
L. H.	Leslie Horvath [O. S.]	Sr.	23
R. H.	Claude Young [Ill.]	Fresh.	18
F. B.	Boris Dimancheff [Pur.]	Sr.	22

SECOND TEAM—Left end, Robert Ravensburg [Ind.]; left tackle, Rudy Sikich [Minn.]; left guard, Quentin Sickles [Mich.]; center, Gordon Appleby [Ohio State]; right guard, Ray Justak [Northwestern]; right tackle, Frank Ciolli [Ind.]; right end, Arthur Renner [Mich.]; Quarter back, Don Greenwood [Ill]; left half, Robert Hoernschemeyer [Ind.]; right half, Wayne Williams [Minn.]; full back, Robert Wiese [Mich.].

Buckeye Fever

Time

For one day Columbus, Ohio was the football capital of the U.S. At stake was the Big Nine championship and, just possibly, a California Rose Bowl trip.

Taking first things first, Ohio State's home-grown, all-civilian, unbeaten team crashed head-on into once-beaten Michigan. With backfield strength about equal, this was one more gridiron battle that was decided up front. The Michigan line hit hard, but not quite so hard as Ohio's, led by 190-lb. Bill Hackett, prospective All-America guard, and Bill Willis, husky Negro tackle. Their bone-crushing tackles were mainly responsible for four Michigan fumbles.

Chicago, Ill.

The 71,958 fans largely overlooked the line battle for the more spectacular antics of Les Horvath, 165-lb. Buckeye backfield wonder. Horvath, who turned down $6,000 a season with the Cleveland (pro) Rams in order to finish his Ohio State dental course, is the Big Nine's top ground-gainer with 669 yards. With his mates paving the way in a seesaw battle, he twice brought the Buckeyes from behind, scored their last two touchdowns. Final score: Ohio State 18, Michigan 14.

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That done, Ohio State began its final push (with support from Iowa, Purdue, Northwestern) in a campaign to crack the Big Nine rule against postseason games. This week.

Conference representatives meeting in Chicago said no, this was not the year to break the 24-year-old rule. The Big Nine champs would stay home on New Year's Day, and unbeaten, once-tied Tennessee would doubtless make the trip to Pasadena.

Equally unbeaten but twice tied in nine games, the T-minded Trojans of Southern California would provide the home-team opposition. They all but clinched a second straight appearance in the Rose Bowl by crushing California two weeks ago, made it official last week—with 90,019 witnesses—by drubbing U.C.L.A. 40-to-13.

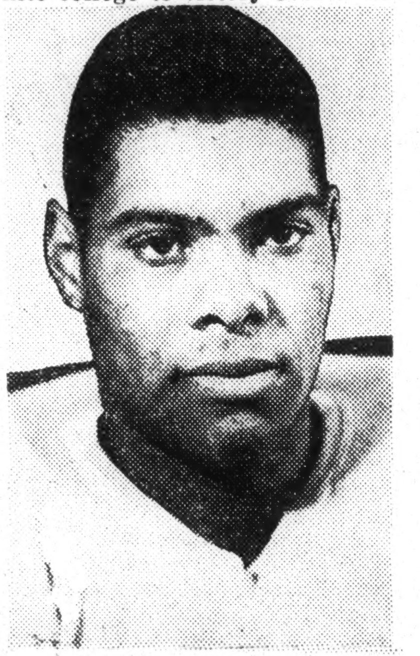
Young Paul Scintillates at End as Cornell Eleven Overwhelms Bisons

Afro American — Baltimore, Md.

10-7-44 Afro-American Baltimore 10-

By SAM LACY
AFRO Sports Editor

ITHACA, N.Y., (Saturday)—I have just witnessed one of the most amazing spectacles of my long, and sometimes spectacular, journalistic lifetime—a colored boy, not yet turned 17, with only five years of football behind him, leading a major white college to victory over a traditional gridiron foe.



PAUL ROBESON, JR.

Paul Robeson, Jr., son of the celebrated actor, concert-artist and all-American football star, and a freshman at Cornell University, led that school's Big Red team to a crushing 26-0 defeat of Bucknell here today.

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In these days, it is not unusual to see a colored lad in the regular line-up of a college football team, especially here where, in recent years, they have come to appreciate the talents of such as Brud Holland, Sam Pierce, and Don Robinson. But it is unusual to see a boy so tender in years and with such limited experience, step into a position entirely new to him and acquit himself, except for one mistake, after the fashion of a master.

Pulls Self Together

That one flaw in his game occurred on the second play of the contest. He permitted himself to be drawn out of position and Bucknell circled his end for 24 yards, the only gain of the afternoon at his flank.

I was glad to see that mistake, believe it or not. For to me, it injected the human element into what otherwise would sound like an unreal story.

Young Robeson, pulling himself together after that bit of bad judgment, played brilliantly through the thirty-six minutes he saw action. His withdrawal from the game at six minutes after the start of the second half was a precautionary step on the part of Coach Carl Snavely.

The youngster, who was kicking, running, catching passes, blocking and tackling with equal fervor, suffered s slight wrench of the knee on an attempted 26-yard placement for the third point-after-touchdown.

Plays All-Round Game

He was immediately relieved by Coach Snavely and watched the remaining 24 minutes from the sideline.

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However, during his stay in the contest, Paul turned in two touchdown producing runs on the celebrated Cornell end-around play; snatched down two passes for substantial gains; kicked three extra points, one of which was nullified and ordered retried after a 15-yard penalty. It was this longer try-for-point that resulted in the lad's injury.

In addition, he worked like a twin of Grant Ellis, the Big Red's stellar guard, on blocking assignments, and time and again downed or trapped alien backs before their play could get into motion.

As though this were not a sufficiently full day for a tested veteran, to say nothing of a newcomer to college ranks, young Paul blocked one of the elusive Gene Hubka's punts, paving the way for a subsequent Cornell touchdown.

Cornell's first score came midway the opening quarter. Robeson started the pay-off march by taking a short pass from Halfback Al Dekdebrun, good for 14 yards to the Bucks' 40. Another bullet-like shot to Robeson was completed when he took the ball off the outstretched fingertips of George Kochins, 1943 all-Pennsylvania tackle, and raced to the visitors' 26-yard line.

After Halfback Al Yanelli had skirted Robeson's end to advance the ball to the Bison 14, young Paul, on the end-around chugged over the right flank for the touchdown. He then kicked the extra point.

He added another extra point after Bob Russell went over for the second touchdown just before the close of the first half.

The third quarter was six minutes old when Dekdebrun recorded the Big Red's third score. It was following this marker that Robeson was called back after one successful conversion and made to try again because of a holding penalty placed on a teammate.

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Penalized 15 yards, Robeson elected to try again. The ball was inches wide of the uprights as Young Paul hurt the knee which necessitated his retirement.

Cornell, with young Robeson at left end, will meet Yale in the New Haven Bowl next Saturday afternoon.

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36 Minutes of Grid Action with Paul Robeson, Jr.

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ITHACA, N.Y. — Here's an AFRO play-by-play account of young Paul Robeson's role in the 26-0 victory scored here Saturday by Cornell over the Bucknell College eleven:

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ON DEFENSE

First quarter—His kick-off to open the game traveled 55 yards to the Bucknell 5.

Received 9-yard pass from Halfback Al Dekdebrun and advanced five more yards with tackler (Bill Quinn, end) on his shoulders.

Took another short pass off fingertips of George Kochins (Buck tackle) for 6-yard gain and second successive down.

Threw effective block on Halfback Al Yannelli as teammate Bob Scherr, on reverse, skirted the end for advance to Bison 14.

Took end-around play over opposite alien flank for first touchdown.

Place-kicked extra point, ball splitting horizontal and banging against door to field house, 25 yards behind end zone.

Kicked off to Bucknell 6.

Blocked out Jim Seel, Bison center, as Dekdebrun intercepted visiting forward pass, enabling Dekdebrun to move to Bucknell 28.

Second quarter—Teamed with Guard Grant Ellis to remove three defenders (Gene Hubka, Bob Farley and Seel), from path of Fullback Bob Russell as latter pounded center of line for Cornell's second touchdown.

Place-kicked extra point.

Piled up two would-be tacklers with aid of Ellis, as Russell ripped right side of Bucknell line for first down on own 30.

Wiped out loss of two yards by circling right flank on end-around, for 12 yards and first down.

Missed block on Kochins as Russell intercepted Bucknell pass. Succeeded in taking out Wayne Steele (Buck tackle) but Kochins made tackle of Russell.

Third Quarter—Kicked off to begin second half, distance 55 yards.

Served as interference and removed Don Trasceski from path of Russell as latter slid through right tackle for 17 yards and first down.

Blocked out Joe Bennett as Dekdebrun added 3 yards at center of line.

Missed block on Bennett but Scherr carried ball to another first down on Bison 20.

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Threw effective block on Ed Bigler (Bison center) and Dekdebrun moved to within 1 yard of touchdown. Latter went over on next play.

Kicked extra point but was called back when holding violation was called on teammate Dick Snyder. Cornell penalized 15 yards. Try for point went inches wide of mark as he attempted 26-yard placement.

Hurt knee on play and was withdrawn from game.

Replaced by Ed Sharafanowich.

First Quarter—Missed tackle of Gene Hubka and latter went 24 yards aroun dhis end for game's initial first down.

Smeared interference and forced Hubka to reverse into waiting arms of teammate John Tully (Cornell right end).

Blocked Hubka punt attempt, ball falling into arms of Bob Golden and making kick worth only 7 yards to visitors.

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Blocked out by Steele on Cornell punt but up in time to help trap Hubka and avoid lengthy runback.

Second Quarter—Brushed aside interference and got hands on Ed Netski to slow Bison halfback, though failing to down him. Running mate, Tully, made tackle.

Third Quarter—Forced Hubka out of bounds, with loss of 4 yards, as Bisons back attempted to circle his end.

IN PRACTICE

Place-kicked 5 of 6 pre-game attempts.

Caught only practice pass tossed to him.

Atlanta Daily World

Negro Star Aids In Win Over Navy 7-0

Atlanta, Ga.

11-28-44

SAN DIEGO, Calif.—(A N P)—Woody Strode, fleet end of the 4th Air Force Flyers football team of March field, made his contribution to the 7 to 0 victory of his team here Sunday over the San Diego Naval Training center. Strode received a pass from Jack Jacobs, former Oklahoma star, on the Navy 41-yard line. He raced to the Navy's 6 yard line where the ball was taken over for a touchdown on two plays.

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Strode's team is competing for the national service title and is at present one of the top flight service teams. Strode was an all star and on the UCLA football team along with Jackie Robinson and Kenny Washington.

No Racial Barriers

Sepia Stars Sparkle In Pro Leagues On Coast

Courier — Pittsburgh Pa.

11-11-44

By J. CULLEN FENTRESS

LOS ANGELES—Democratic and potentially the most colorful, adequately describes the brand of play-for-pay football offered on the West Coast by the youthful Pacific Coast Professional Football league and the American Pro Football loop.

Five years older than the junior American circuit, the Pacific Coast league combine initiated the just and fair practice of hiring players on the basis of their ability, regardless of race, creed or color.

The coast circuit is represented by teams in Hollywood, Los Angeles, Fresno and San Diego. Headed by Jerry Geisler, noted attorney, the newer American loop has clubs in Seattle, Portland, Hollywood, San Francisco, San Diego and two teams in Los Angeles.

Among the most outstanding in the Pacific Coast Professional Football league are Mel Reid, Oakland Giants' halfback and former San Francisco university ball lugger; Tommy and Billy Mills of Xavier university; Johnny Wynne, UCLA backs; and Everett Marcell, end, Southern university, and Fondro Talbert, ex-Tuskegee Institute tackle, all of the Los Angeles Bulldogs; and Bill Pressley, Xavier back, of the Hollywood Wolves.

No greater drawing card in either league—that's Kenny Washington, all-time University of California at Los Angeles backfield great and All-American, who paces the San Francisco Clippers of the American Professional Football league.

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The Oakland Giants boast of twelve Negroes on their squad; an all-sepia backfield and with every race squad member owning stock in the club purchased from their salaries. Composing the backfield are Mel Reid, Bull Lewis, ex-Santa Jose State star, fullback; Bernie Remsen, College of Puget Sound, Washington, halfback; and George Wilkerson, Wheatley Teachers' college, Houston, Texas.

Among other colored gridders in the American pro circuit who more than earn their weekly stipend are Charles "Chuck" Anderson, Ohio State star wingman; Clem Hooks, ex-Santa Barbara State end; Clarence Mackey, former UCLA back; and Fred Thomas, an end from Wiley college, who get their pay envelopes from the Los Angeles Wildcats. Shifty Terrell Floyd, ex-Pasadena J.C. teammate of Jackie Robinson, holds forth at the tailback spot for San Diego Gunners.

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Ezzert Anderson, also an end and hailing from Kentucky State, is a standout in the forward wall of the Los Angeles Mustangs in the American league.

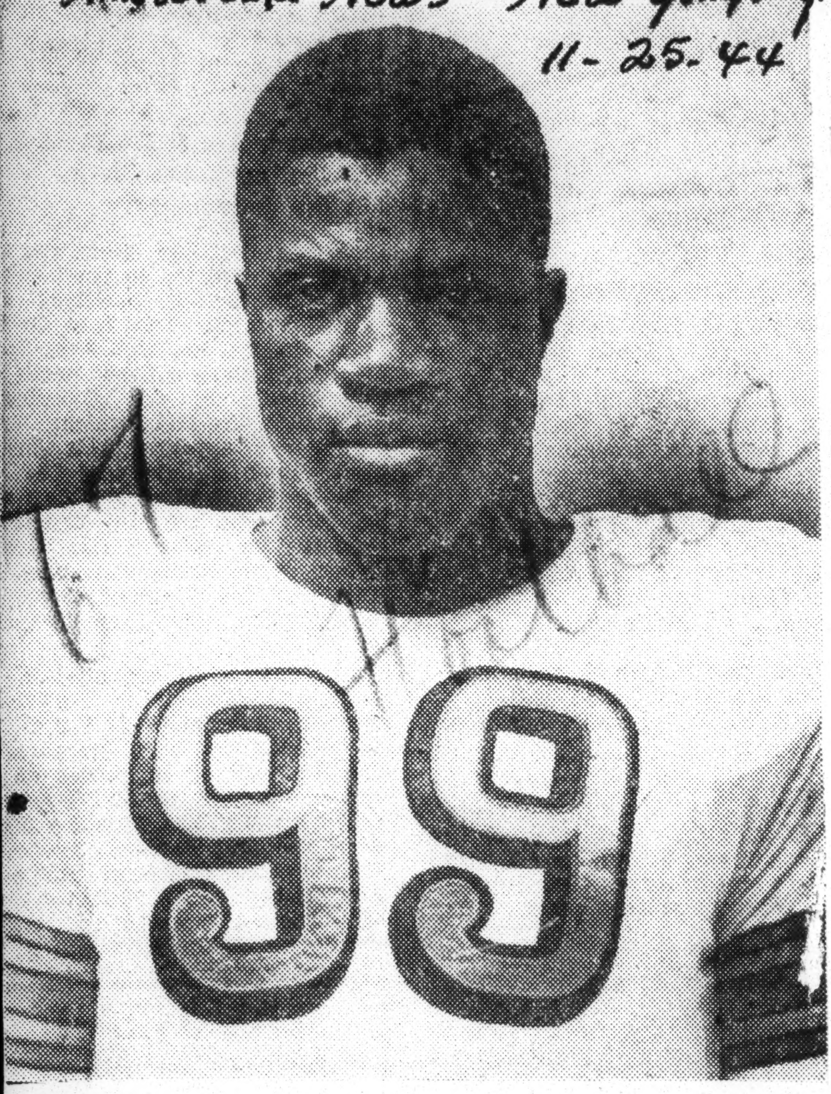
Both pro circuits practice non-discrimination, on the field and in traveling. A striking example of this was told this writer last week by an official of the Pacific Coast league. In his company were two of his colored players and one white one in a restaurant in San Diego. A waitress asked if the two colored men were with him. He said they were. Told they could not be served, the party walked out. Laughingly, he said they went to another eatery where they were served but "the food was lousy."

On points to an early consolidation of both circuits, forming one strong league, any one club of which would prove a worthy opponent for any pro club in the country.

Ohio State's Great Tackle

Amsterdam News — New York N.Y.

11-25-44



"DEKE" WILLIS, Ohio State University's great tackle, who has played a big part in the successful season enjoyed up until last Saturday by the Buckeyes. Willis, a regular, is a demon on defense and a dependable man on offense. Some fans liken him to Iowa's great Duke Slater of another period. He may make All-America this year.

Derricotte Stars As Michigan Wins

Courier — Pittsburgh, Pa.

11-11-44

By JACK SAUNDERS

PHILADELPHIA — Fleet-footed Gene Derricotte, running and passing specialist of the powerful Michigan university eleven, thrilled 48,000 cheering fans at Franklin Field last Saturday, when a fighting but out-classed Pennsylvania team was buried in the murky mire of a 41 to 19 defeat.

Derricotte, left halfback and bulwark of the Michigan offensive, which featured a variety of brilliantly executed plays from a T-formation, scored one of the Wolverines' seven touchdowns; paved the way for two more on running and passing plays, and gained 98 yards from scrimmage in 14 running attempts. Gene tallied his touchdown in the second quarter, after setting up the score on a 14-yard gain from the Penn 18, and plunging four yards through right tackle, with four Pennsylvania tacklers hanging on to him.

LEADS RUNNING, PASSING OFFENSIVE

Michigan, featuring Derricotte in the running and passing position, swamped Penn in the first half, racking up six touchdowns. The half ended 34-0, with Michigan in possession of the ball. Throughout the entire third quarter and 10 minutes of the fourth, Michigan Coach Fritz Crisler used his second and third team, with Derricotte and company occupying the bench. Penn scored their three touchdowns during this period, but [illegible] as the Michigan mentor felt the need of another touchdown, he sent in Derricotte and the rest, including Lund, Chubb and Ponsetto, and they upped the score to 41-19.

Hailed throughout the Nation as All-American material, Derricotte lived up to expectations last Saturday. He proved his greatness on the very first play by running back Penn's opening punt 29 yards. On the second play he gained 10 more yards, out-raced the Penn secondary for 12 on the third, and paved the way for Michigan's first score by completing a pass to Lund on the Pennsylvania three.

SCORES IN SECOND QUARTER

11-11-44

In the second quarter Michigan took to the air, with Derricotte flinging passes to ends and backs with unerring accuracy. His first was good for one yard, his second for 13, and third for six. Two plays later, after covering 18 yards through tricky, powerful maneuvering, he tallied the second Michigan score.

Only three times out of 14 were Penn tacklers able to prevent Derricotte from gaining. He lost three yards on one play, three on another, and one on the third, for a net total of 91 yards. His four completed passes were good for 23 yards.

Stars Get Some Extra Pointers

Afro-American . Balt. Md.

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Head Coach Sam Sezak (right) of the East Orange High School, shows how as Ben Baugh (center), right tackle, and Sam Griggs, right halfback, triple threat man and star of the Panthers, take instruction. The East Orange eleven will meet the Orange High School team on Saturday in East Orange.

BUDDY YOUNG TIES 'RED' GRANGE'S 'TD' RECORD

Pittsburgh Courier — Pa.

12-2-44

EVANSTON, Ill.—Claude (Buddy) Young, "Mr. Speed" of the football world, tied the all-time Illinois scoring record made by Red Grange in 1924, 13 tonchdowns in a season. Bobbing Buddy made both his scores in the first half as Illinois downed Northwestern, 25 to 6. Young scored late in the first period after Illinois had moved from its own 31 to the Northwestern six. He took a lateral from Quarterback Don Greenwood and galloped around right end for the score.

He scored again in the second quarter from the 9-yard line and it was this touchdown that enabled him to tie Red Grange's long standing record. Paul Patterson and Don Johnson, other Negro backs of Illinois, both saw action and played their usual good game.

Young played his usual brilliant game and lived up to his reputation. Last week he was named on the All-Big Ten team and has been named on Bill Stern's annual All-American combine.

The game against Northwestern may have been his last for some time to come. Buddy has been classified 1-A and may soon be in the armed forces. With this prospect in view, the little bronze speedster of Illinois really went to town against Northwestern. He wound up the season as he started it—sensationally!

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Daily Worker

Robeson Jr. a Splendid All-Around Athlete

New York, N.Y.

6-19-44

Nat Low

The vast majority of the few hundred fans who braved the terrible sun on Saturday to witness the running of the 56th annual national track championships at Randall's Island were oblivious to the small drama taking place when a tall, wonderfully built Negro youngster took his initial leap over the bar in the high jump.

The youngster was Paul Robeson Jr., who was participating in his first national AAU meet as a representative of Springfield Technical High School in Massachusetts.

It is always interesting to watch a promising young athlete make his big time debut but in this it was even more memorable—from many viewpoints.

For one thing, father and son combinations in sports have been uniquely rare. There is no official list of course, but offhand one can say that few great athletes have had sons who were likewise stars in sports.

If Paul Robeson Jr. fulfills his rich promise the Robesons, Senior and Junior, may well take their place as the most splendid father and son team in American athletic history.

There is little need here to recount the feats of Paul Robeson. Suffice to say that he won 14 letters at Rutgers, made All-American in football two years running and was recently called by none other than Lou Little, "the greatest football plyer of all time."

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Paul Robeson Jr., more intimately known as Pauli, is 16 years old, stands an even six feet and weighs 185 pounds. He is a strikingly handsome boy with a warm smile and a maturity one rarely finds in a sixteen-year-old.

On Thursday evening he graduated with honors from Springfield Tech, the principal declaring, "It was the greatest honor to have Paul Robeson Jr. as a student of our school." When he strode to the platform to receive his diploma the assembled students and guests afforded him a sustained and enthusiastic ovation.

He won four letters in school, excelling in football, basketball, baseball and track. He was one of the leaders of the student body, won innumerble scholastic awards including the Rennsalaer Polytech science and mathematics scholarship and is a leading member of the American Youth for Democracy in Springfield. 6-19-44

Next month he enters Cornell University where he will study engineering, besides playing football and "going out for indoor and outdoor track."

This is the same Paul who spent his childhood in the Soviet Union, returning to the United States in 1940.

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Participating in his first AAU junior championships, Pauli finished in a tie for third, clearing the bar at 6 feet 4 inches (the best he's done to date) despite a bone bruise on the heel of his leg.

Although he failed to clear 6' 5" he showed enough to guarantee he will be fighting for the American championship within a few years. He's an enormously big fellow for 16, with great shoulders, a tapering waist and strong lithe legs.

He's a magnificent jumper but is a far more promising football player. "I play fullback and am used mostly as a plunger on offense while backing up the line on defense."

He is very fast as well as powerful and will probably be a terror in the Cornell backfield this year or next despite his age.

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After he had failed at his third attempt to clear 6' 5" (he got his body over but nicked the bar with his heel) he shook hands all around and joined us in the stands.

It would be askin ga bit too much perhaps, ot expect Pauli to do all the things his illustrious dad has done, but we have an idea he'll do plenty on his own hook, especially in football.

And wouldn't it be something for the Robesons to be the only father and son All-Americans in grid history?

General

Negroes not Keen for Some of Uline's Arena Affairs, Says Mike

Tribune-Washington, D.C.

2-26-44

Negroes are excluded from certain promotions at the Uline Arena because en masse they are not yet interested in particular presentations and to admit them would serve to force many whites away.

The foregoing is the position reportedly taken by "Mike" Uline, owner of the arena, when questioned about his policy, Wednesday, by a committee, including:

Dr. E. B. Henderson, recently-appointed chairman of the Race Relations Recreation Committee; Oscar L. Chapman, assistant secretary to Secretary of Interior Harold L. Ickes; G. Howland Shaw, assistant U.S. Secretary of State, and Dr. Frederick E. Reissig, executive secretary of the Federation of Churches.

Resent Jewish Designation

It is also reported that Uline definitely resents the much-heralded statement that he is a Jew and declared that he is a staunch Roman Catholic and attends St. Augustine Church, Fifteenth and L Streets, Northwest.

During the parley, which lasted 1 hour and 45 minutes, Dr. Reissig, according to reports told Migiel (Mike) Uline of the problems the world faces today in teaching and enforcing democracy through World War II, and that he should readily open his doors to all those groups battling to preserve the American way of life. 2-26-44

A full report of the proceedings furnished by the committee will be published in The Tribune next week.

Louis-Conn Bout Possible If Montgomery Meets Jack

Courier-Journal-Louisville, Ky 7-14-44

By BOB CONSIDINE.

International News Service Sports Writer.

New York, July 13 (INS)—We hope the Beau Jack-Bob Montgomery fight goes through successfully, not because we want to see them fight for a fourth time but because it might provide the War Department with the precedent it needs to present Sgts. Joe Louis and Billy Conn in a boxing match which could result in the sale of between a half a billion and a full billion dollars worth of war bonds. Courier-Journal Louisville-Ky.

As things now stand on the bout between Pvts. Jack and Montgomery they will meet in New York before a bond gate conservatively set at $50,000,000. Their meeting, according to Treasury Department representative Stanley Oshan, will produce a tremendous (and needed) boom in the sale of small war bonds, which will be the fan's means of witnessing Beau Jack's bid to regain his New York version of the lightweight title.

PERMISSION GIVEN

Apparently they will be permitted to appear in the war bond match on the strength of their having received permission to do so from their commanding generals. According to Oshan, it will not be necessary to receive special dispensation from the War Department itself. They have agreed to fight for nothing, a fine and patriotic gesture.

We're of the opinion that the War Department never would have put its tacit ban on the activities of Louis and Conn if their ill-starred charity match—which was indignantly cancelled by Secretary Stimson—had been conducted properly. The thing was bungled badly from the start. When Louis was first approached, by a colored representative of the War Department, he was told that if he put his title on the line against Conn he would receive enough to pay the government the $117,000 he owes the Treasury Department in back taxes. Conn was formally informed that he'd make enough out of the fight to pay his own back taxes and some money he owed.

The sums the fighters would have received would have amounted to 10 per cent of the gate for this proposed show for war relief funds. 7-14-44

But the thing was balled up from the start. New York sportswriters on the committee, including the writer, were told by a high ranking Army officer—who regrettably didn't know what he was talking about—that Louis and Conn would fight for nothing. We printed the story, naturally. When Louis read it the next day he—who stood to lose the most by fighting—politely told the committee that he had been promised enough to pay his taxes. Conn also complained. Chairman Grantland Rice promptly tendered his resignation and though John Kieran took charge of the committee and tried to salvage the show, it collapsed. Mr. Stimson was very annoyed at the boxers and everybody connected with them.

Versatility Marks Kelley's Prowess As Distance Star

Courier Journal Louisville, Ky.

CHAMPAIGN, Ill.—Illinois has a candidate for the title "world's fastest human" in Claude "Buddy" Young, 5 foot 5 inch freshman from Wendell Phillips high school, Chicago. He has twice this year run the 60-yard dash in 6.1 seconds, equalling the world record.

The 18-year-old, 152-pound speedster, whose springy step already has earned him the nickname "bouncing ball," enrolled in the University last month and already has gained honors which mark him as a coming all-time great. 3-11-44

In his first start in the Millrose games in New York, Buddy captured the 60-yard dash, dethroning Barney Ewell of Penn State. He was clocked in :06.2, one-tenth second off the American record.

Runs Quartermile

Then, Young turned to an unfamiliar quarter-mile as a member of Illinois' mile-relay team, and the Illini won handily in 3:27.8. A week later in this event, Young, running the second lap, gave his teammates a 10-year lead, and Illinois took the Boston A. A. title.

In the Boston 50-yard dash, Buddy wound up third behind Ed Conwell of New York University and Ewell, but his time of :05.4 in a trial heat indicates lack of experience. was. probably. more responsible for defeat than lack of speed. (He ran the 6.1 60 in a triangular meet here. Last Saturday he did it again as Illinois lost to Michigan. He won the broad jump with 23 feet 3 inches, and the 70-yard low hurdles in 8 seconds flat.)

Young's ideal in track is Jesse Owens, famous Ohio State star, and his all-around ability may make him equally famous.

Won State Title

Last year in the Illinois Interscholastic championships, Young and teammate Ranis Thomas won the state title for Phillips high. Buddy won the 100-yard dash in :10.2 over a track covered with inches of water, after having posted a mark of :09.7 in a trial heat the day before. 3-11-44

Young came right back to win the 200-yard low hurdles in :22.6, again over a very slow track. In a trial heat, he was timed in :22.2.

Practicing indoors this year, he has been clocked in the record time of :07.9 for the 70-yard low hurdles, :06.2 in the 60-yard dash, and in world-record time for 300 yards...

May Run On Relay

Coach Leo Johnson will use Young in the 60, hurdles, and in the broad jump events in indoor competition, but if the going's tough, Buddy probably will also draw an assignment of a leg in the mile relay.

Young is a native of Chicago and starred in both track and football for Phillips high in the past three years. He was a unanimous choice as a halfback on the All-State football squad in 1943.

Buddy's hobbies are eating and going to movies. He's enrolled for a Liberal Arts course in the University, but intends to become a coach.

Young loves to work, too, but as he confided to Coach Johnson, "The Bible tells us not to abuse the things we love, and loving work, I don't abuse it."

CUM POSEY

Facts About Sports

Tribune—Philadelphia, Pa.

The Negro National League really took the bull by the horns when the voted unanimously not to allow any member club to play any games booked or promoted by Abe Saperstein.,

Saperstein will probably attempt to belittle this decision, but he will have no easy time explaining to baseball park owners, or local promoters Homestead Grays, Baltimore, Newark, Cubans, New York Black Yankees and Philly Stars are not playing in their parks. Colored fans who read the baseball news in the Negro press know that Negro National League clubs do not appear in these parks because the Negro National League refuses to have any dealings with Abe Saperstein. These same fans also know that Negro National League clubs will be glad to play in these parks under direct promotion of the park owners, or or local promoters who have been frozen out by Saperstein's methods.

The Negro National League also instructed President Tom Wilson against using Saperstein in any capacity at the East-West game in Chicago.

7-22-44.

Down in the Norfolk, Newport News, Portsmouth area, a situation has arisen which bodes ill for promoters Brady Johnson and Joe Lewis unless they change their methods.

Brady and Joe had wonderful success at promoting in these cities.

They have lived up to every stipulation insofar as the Negro National League is concerned.

Now, Brady and Joe are beginning to put it on the fans too strong. They are bringing in clubs of third class quality for Sunday games in these cities, advertising them as great basball clubs and charging the same admission prices as they do for Negro National League games, or games between Negro National and Negro American League clubs.

One of the pranks of the athletic world is for an athletic nonentity to hire a publicity manager, have the publicity manager cause him to become a national sports figure, acompanied by words pictures and accomplishments (???) 7-22-44

The tragedy enters when the subject of this publicity reads these releases about himself each week and believes them. When the string runs out, and it always does, the uncrowned hero imagines himself a martyr, lives in the past, and is at war with the whole world.

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During the past three weeks, some damn fever germs kept this writer in bed trying to think with a temperature of 98 to 104 degrees. That's bad All bad.

We read, partially, every sport page of the Negro press. Unbiased, we found the sports pages of the Philadelphia TRIBUNE and Rollo Wilson's columns most entertaining as well as comprehensive.

We hear that the Negro American League did not return the St. Louis Stars player to the Negro National League by July first, as demanded by the Negro National League.

This action definitely **breaks the** Joint Agreement. 7-22-44

..So what? The East-West **game will** be played as scheduled.

Why don't those stupid owners **who** are blocking the election of **a Commissioner** of Colored baseball **get out** of the way and let **the game be operated** as it should be? **Owners, players** and the **fans** who **pay the** freight, **will be better off.**

Grid Star Maintenance Chief at TAAF

Bee-Chicago, Ill.

2-20-44

TUSKEGEE ARMY AIR FIELD, Ala.—Master Sgt. Earl O. Ausby, former All-CIAA halfback from Lincoln University, has the distinction of being the ranking non-commissioned officer on the flight line at the Tuskegee Army Air Field, where he serves as maintenance chief in charge of airplane mechanics and aircraft maintenance.

Sgt. Ausby is best remembered by CIAA football fans for his gridiron exploits during the football season of 1938, when playing in the Lincoln University (Pa.) backfield, he punted 96 yards against Hampton Institute. During the same season the big sergeant was chosen on the All-CIAA team.

The erstwhile Lincoln triple-threat left school to join the original Negro Fighter Squadron at Chanute Field, Ill., nearly three years ago. There he maintained one of the highest averages ever compiled by a student at the field.

Coming to the Tuskegee Army Air Field with the first group of ten mechanics, the sergeant speaks easily of the days when each mechanic was issued a pair of pliers, a screwdriver and an airplane and told to go to work. 2-20-44

A native of Portsmouth, Va., Ausby is married to the former Miss Annie Mae Turner of the same city. He is the son of Mrs. Suscie A. Ausby of 2230 Effingham St., Portsmouth, Va.

Sports Plan 2 Big Build-Ups

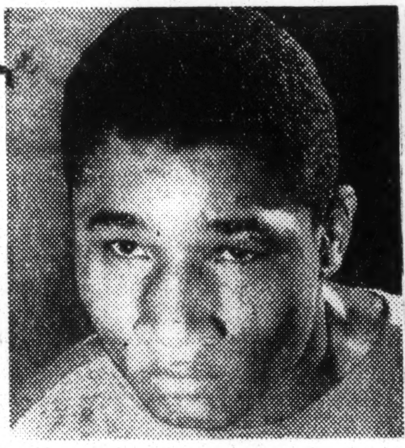
Courier-Journal Louisville, Ky.

Fight to Boost Bond Sales; Baseball Game to Build Youths

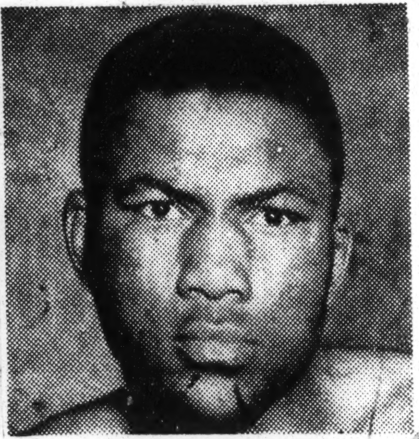
7-27-44

By BOB CONSIDINE.

New York, July 26 (INS)—Two "futurities" are headed for New York town, and neither has anything to do with horses. One is a prizeless prize fight which is being sponsored by the Treasury Department with a view to persuading people to put some of their loose money away in small bonds. The other is a boys' ball game, sponsored by Esquire, 28 U. S. newspapers and the Federal Security Agency's physical fitness program. 7-27-44



Beau Jack



Bob Montgomery

The fight, as you probably know, will pit Pvt. Sidney "Beau Jack" Walker against Pvt. Bob Montgomery. These two outstanding lightweights have fought three times before this, and each time the title has changed hands.

18,000

They drew $303,000 in their three fights and averaged 18,000 at the gate. If they draw another 18,000 to Madison Square Garden on the night of August 4 they will have been responsible for the sale of $50,000,000 in Series E, F and G Bonds.

We don't believe we're betraying any national secret when we tell you that the Treasury could sell all the Series E, F and G Bonds it could print, if it permitted big corporations to buy them. But that isn't the idea behind these bonds. These are aimed at the little fellow: the war worker or steady plodder who has been spending money as average men and women never spent their dough before.

Surveys show that they are not saving enough of what they are earning. The Government wants them to save against their post-war futures, when the ready dough might not be available. Hence, Series E, F and G Bonds.

The Treasury permits an individual to buy up to $5,000 worth of E Bonds a year, while up to $100,000 of the two other types may be purchased by individuals. The lowest bond, of course, is the $25 one, purchasable for $18.75. At the Beau Jack-Montgomery fight, a $25 bond will get you a free gallery seat. A $100 bond will get you a better one and so on, right down to the first row ringside, where the chairs will go for $100,000 a squat. 7-27-44

Last summer's "Billion Dollar" ball game at the Polo Grounds sold "remarkably few" small bonds, according to Stanley Oshan, Treasury Department man who is helping Mike Jacobs promote the Beau Jack-Montgomery fight. The fabulous gate at the equally fabulous ball game was elevated into the heavy cipher league by the purchases of hefty corporations. Boxes sold for $1,000,000 and went like dollar bills selling for a dime. 7-27-44

WORRIED

The Treasury was delighted, naturally. But it has been worrying for a long time about the quota failures in small bond sales. It is continually searching for ways and means of persuading the people to save some of the money that is now being tossed around as money has never been tossed in U. S. history. Hence Beau Jack vs. Montgomery. It would like to see similar shows all over the country.

As for the kids' ball game, to be played August 7 at the Polo Grounds, it is aimed in the direction of long-range public health. For three years, Jack Kelly, the old Olympic oarsman, has been tramping up and down the country preaching the gospel of physical fitness. With the backing of Paul McNutt he has made many quiet but important strides. He has installed extensive sports programs in war plants and other big plants, and has figures to prove that such interests tend to lower absenteeism, physical failures on the job, and even strikes. It is perhaps the most subtle and comprehensive use ever made of sports.

Post—Washington, D.C.

12-29-44

The Negro National and American Baseball Leagues will shortly name a commissioner with czarist powers at a $10,000-a-year salary. William Hastie, dean of the Howard University Law Schol, is squarely in line for the job . . . Ellis Jones, Tulsa University guard who lost an arm at the age of 11, has played more than 30 minutes of every game this season . . . Joe Louis wants to make application for a franchise in the All-American Football League. Fort Meade is losing its No. 1 pitcher with Lieut. Charles Stanceu, formerly of the Yankees, assigned to a replacement unit for overseas duties . . . years ago only the uncontrollable rogues of racing wore blinkers onto the tracks, but a glance at hte equipment column in the race charts today shows 80 per cent of the horses running with blinkers . . . Joe Mickey, guard on Georgetown's undefeated 1939 eleven, is now Lieut. Joseph F. Mickey, USNR, executive officer of the Amphibious Flotilla Operation Office at an overseas base since participating in the D-Day invasion . . . Welterweight Morris Reiff, knocked out by Aaron Perry at Griffith Stadium last summer, fights Danny Bartfield in the main bout at Madison Square Garden next Friday . . . the attendance at the Nats' 43 night games last season was 7,413, lowest in the league for night ball.

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Golf

other entry of our group didn't qualify.

Won Golf Award

Daily World— Atlanta, Ga.

6-25-44

PVT. JERRY REID

—son of Mrs. Odessa Reid, 295 Fletcher Street, Atlanta, placed fourth in the Central Pacific Area golf championships staged by the Arm. Reid, who is with the Engineers, and a former caddy for the great Bobby Jones, scored 73, 75, 75—223. Johnny Parelli, former California professional now in charge of enlisted men's golf at the Waialae country club, won the championship at the Red Lands course with a 54-hole score of 219. Ed Kirk of the military police finished one stroke behind Parelli, while third honors went to Sam Medwed with a score of 222. Private Reid was one stroke behind Kirk. Trophies were presented to the winners by Captain Ainsley K. Mahikoa, athletic officer of the CPA Special Service Office on behalf of Lt. Gen. Robert C. Richardson. Private Reid hopes to emerge the victor on July 4 when the next big golf play will be hled on the famous Red Land's course.

Negro Cops $250 In Interracial Golf Tournament

Informer — Houston, Texas

8-19-44

LOS ANGELES. —(ANP)—Ed. Strickland, of Riverside, California, and brother of Cliff Strickland, who won the U. G. A. open here some years ago, won a tie for fifth place in the Beverly Hills Golf Tournament last week. The tournament was won by Byron Nelson. Strickland had a total of 288 for the 72 hole tournament, four strokes over par, and won a prize of $250.

Finishing out of the money was his relative Errol Strickland 298, Jimmie De Voe 307 and amateur Bill Spiller, 310. John Riddle the

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Colored Golfer Well Up in All-American Tournament

Afro American — Baltimore, Md.

9-2-44

BULLETIN

Pvt. Calvin Searles fell down miserably while playing his final 18 holes over the soggy, rain-drenched course of the Tam O' Shanter's All-American golf tournament here Monday, posting a medicore 79, ten strokes more than it took him for Saturday's round. The poor finish gave him a total of 295, four strokes behind Craig Wood's 291, winner of the last monied prize.

By FAY YOUNG
(NNPA Exchange Service)

CHICAGO — Calvin Searles, of Montgomery, Ala., a former caddy, was in among the leaders and in a good spot to overhaul one or both of the nation's top money-winners for the year, as the field teed off for final rounds in the 1944 All-American golf tournament at the Tam O'Shanter Country Club here Monday morning.

Searles, the only surviving colored player in the field, was a six way tie for sixth place, just five strokes behind the pace-setting Byron Nelson, of Toledo, Ohio second leading money-winner for the year.

Harold (Jug) McSpaden, defending champion and leading money-winner for 1944, was in front of Searles by a mere three strokes, having posted a 213 to the Alabama youth's 216.

The final round of the 72-hole play was set back 24 hours when rain halted Sunday's scheduled proceedings. 9-2-44

Although his chances of winning the tourney are remote, what with such stalwarts as Nelson and McSpaden ahead of him, Searles holds a position higher than any other colored golfer has ever enjoyed in golf in the United States.

Leads Some of Nation's Best

The Tam O'Shanter contest is the only major tournament to admit colored golfers. Except for a $200 prize for being the "most colorful player" in the tournament, which was awarded in 1942 to Howard Wheeler of Los Angles, a close friend of Searles, no award has previously gone to a colored entrant.

The 1944 All-American play is the richest in the history of golf. Its grand prizes total $42,500, of which $13,462 in war bonds goes to the winner. Should he finish in the first five, Searles stands to take down not less than $500 in war bonds. 9-2-44

Trailing Searles in the late Saturday tabulations were a number of the country's top ranking mashie-wielders. Among the better known golfers over whom he has established superiority are:

Johnny Bulla (Atlanta), runner-up in the last British Open; Johnny Revolta (Evanston, Ill), former PGA titlist; Henry Picard (Harrisburg), former PGA and Masters' Golf champion; the veteran Gene Sarazen (Brookfield Farms, Conn.), several times national and British Open champion; Craig Wood (New York), holdover national champion; Ed Dudley (Colorado Springs), PGA president; Ray Mangrum (Los Angeles), Ky Laffoon (Tulsa), Denny Shute, Joe and Mike Turnesa, Sam Byrd and Sam Parks.

Nine Others Succumb

Nine other colored entrants failed to withstand the terrific pace. They are Ed Jackson of Detroit, Sol Hughes and Calvin Ingram, Chicago; Benny Davis, Detroit; Peter Fortunes, Suffolk, Va.; Frank Radcliffe, Chicago; A. D. V. Crosby, Columbus, Ohio; Hoxey Hazzard, Montgomery, Ala., and Seaman 1/c Robert B. Williams of Great Lakes Naval Training Station. 9-2-44

Atty. Aaron Payne, former Howard University grid star and now a practicing lawyer here, was among three who failed to qualify in the amateur bracket. Payne and Lt. William B. Collier, formerly of Fisk and now stationed at the Tuskegee Army Air Field, counted 87's, while Dr. Charles Tarkington of Evanston, tallied 90. Qualifying score was 75.

Mrs. Geneva Wilson, women's champion of the United Golfers' Association, failed to qualify in the women's championships. Mrs. Wilson turned in a card of 101 for 18 holes, the qualifying score being 88.

Other women who could not make the grade were Mrs. Magnolia Gambrell, recently-crowned Washington, D.C., open titlist; Mrs. L. Frances Hill Watkins, also of Washington, D.C., and Mrs. Julia Townes Siler, of St. Louis, national colored women's champion. 9-2-44

Mrs. Gambrell's score was 103, Mrs. Watkins showed 123, and Mrs. Siler withheld her card.

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Paul Robeson, Jr.

The LOW DOWN

Daily Worker

First Glance at Young Robeson! He's Good

Nat Low

We were the first paper to carry news of the athletic prowess of Paul Robeson, Jr. and since his entry into Cornell, where he made first string varsity end at the age of 16, we have printed innumerable items of his gridiron doings.

But it wasn't until this past Saturday at Baker Field that we got around to seeing Pauli in action and, frankly, we are sorry we didn't make the jaunt up to Ithaca to see him more often for the young son of one of the world's leading citizens, and one of our America's greatest athletes, is a true chip off the old Rutgers' block.

Cornell played Columbia and won 25-7 and all through the game young Robeson, who cuts an impressive figure in his Big Red uniform, played a leading role. Standing an even six feet tall and carrying 180 pounds on his solid, muscular frame, Pauli played a whale of a game at end and, as one press box observer stated, "is better than Yale's all-American wingman, Paul Walker."

Having never seen said Mr. Walker in action we wouldn't be in a position to advance an opinion—but we have seen a lot of other college (as well as pro) ends and Robeson junior ranks with the better ones even though this is the first time he's ever played the position. (Having been a fullback for three years at high school.)

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As you may have expected, we watched Robeson more than we did the game itself, and most of the time through a pair of powerful field glasses loaned from a press box observer.

And some of the things we saw convinced us he'll be one of the top ends of the country in the next few years. (He's only a freshman now, remember.) For one thing, Pauli is big, fast and strong and has a lot of what football men call "instinct." That is, he can move with the play and can invariably be found where the ball is.

Offensively he is not only a threat as a pass catcher—he took two beauties over his shoulder against the Lions while surrounded by safety men—but is always a potential scorer on Cornell's favorite end-around play which another great Negro end—Brud Holland—made famous some few years ago.

Robeson tallied the fourth Cornell touchdown on this play, coming from his right end, taking the ball from Al Dekdebrun on the Columbia 10 and then tearing far around the other side of the line to race over the goal—gaining speed with each huge stride.

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Pauli's speed is deceptive. On first glance he seems to be heavy-footed, for he runs rather languidly at the start of a play. But once he gets under way he really blazes and can run right over a man if he chooses.

When he is not taking a pass or working the end-around, he is blocking with devastating effect, if not with the most perfect form or consistency. A shortcoming that will no doubt be eradicated with more experience is his tendency to hit a man rather high instead of getting him around the legs and dumping him with authority. But what he lacks in technique he more than makes up for with power.

On the defensive he plays wide of the line and, using his great speed, often gets the runner from behind as the man nears the other end of the line. He is a bold tackler and got off some corkers against the Lions.

Once, when Otto Apel seemed to be off for a pretty good gain, Pauli hurled himself over a blocker and made a diving, ankle-grabbing tackle that stopped Apel dead in his tracks. Usually it took two Columbia blockers to take him out of a play, but when they did they always left another Cornellian free to roar through for the killing.

In his defensive play, too, Pauli displays some weaknesses directly attributable to youth and inexperience. On a number of occasions, when the Lions ran a play over his end, Pauli allowed himself to be sucked in too fast, only to be clipped from behind by a tackle or a guard and dumped out of the play.

But his recuperative powers are so magnificent that he often got off the turf and speeded back to the runner where he was able to take part in the play that finally brought the ball carrier down.

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A fine booter, young Robeson kicks off for Cornell and in his five tries Saturday, sent four of them winging into the end zone—no mean feat for a 16-year-old.

His greatest asset is his calm and poise and even veteran football men watching him admitted it was something extremely unusual for a freshman. Pauli is never ruffled and, off this one game at least, he would seem to be one of the field leaders of the team despite the fact he is the youngest man on the squad.

All in all, we are sure the earlier estimates of the kid are well founded. He has already scored four touchdowns this season and has played wonderful defensive football in every one of the games he's been in.

His development in the coming years will undoubtedly be rapid and if he isn't an all-American end next year or the year after then Tommy Dewey is a great, crusading liberal.

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Racing

American Eagle 'Might Do'

Courier-Journal Louisville, Ky.

Negro Trainer Likes Chances In Run For Roses

4-16-44

Back in Barn K at Churchill Downs, a few sheds up from where Challenge Me, the Arkansas Derby winner, is holding court and drawing the eyes of most of shed-row visitors, a little-known colt is quietly going about the business of getting ready for big business on May 6.

Trainer Raymond White, the only Negro preparing a horse for the Kentucky Derby, thinks he might have the "eagle" bird of that classic in American Eagle. At least, he wouldn't trade him for the ones he's seen. And that includes Pukka Gin and Challenge Me, the two red-hot choices for the big heat, he says.

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He met both of them at Chicago last summer. He beat Challenge Me and came from last place to run second to Pukka Gin. "And he was traveling down that stretch, too," White declared.

The records show American Eagle to have won three races, finished second three times, third once and to have earned $3,300 in 16 starts last year. In both of his victories, he came from almost last place to win, running over such speedsters as Mr. Rabbit and Santa Claus in the stretch. Most of his other races also show him coming on with good courage in the home lane.

White has been training 19 years and has been coming to Kentucky for the last eight years. He has a public stable of a dozen horses.

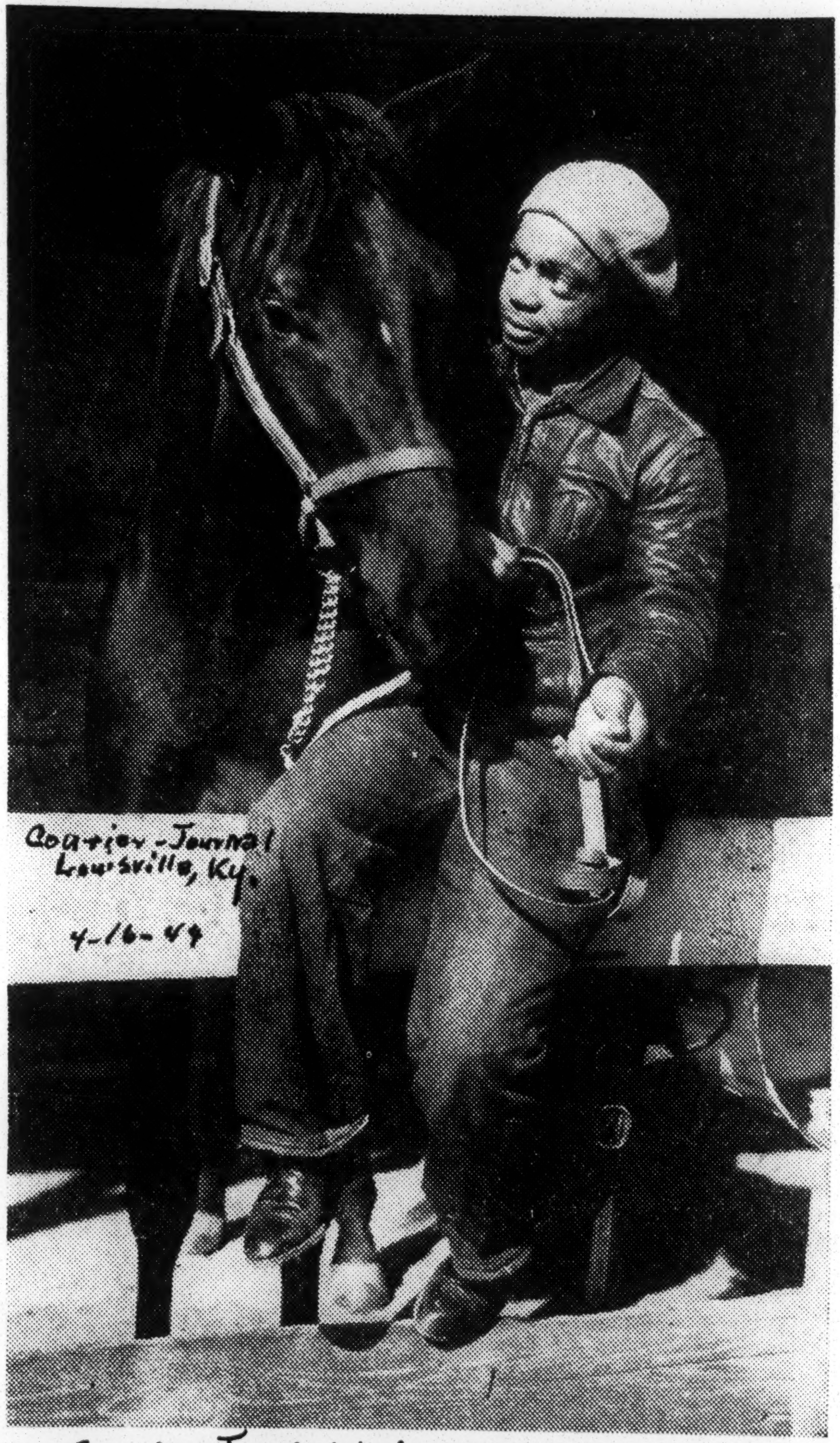
"I had a horse in that Burboo King Derby, back in '32—Crystal Prince. We finished about 12th, but the Prince was nothing compared to the Eagle. The Eagle ran down here last fall but didn't show anything. He was shin-bucked. He was fired this winter but he's working good again," White continued.

BIG FELLOW

White says he got his Blue Grass nomination in too late but that American Eagle will run in an overnight race on Thursday and is sure to go in the Derby Trial. 4-16-44

American Eagle is by Crack Brigade-Mad Kiss and owned by J. V. Maggio, a Chicago candy manufacturer.

If size means anything, he'll do. He's a strapping fellow, about 16 hands and more than 1,100 pounds. Only Skytractor, of the Derby horses here, can look him in the eye standing still. Who'll look him in the eye when running remains to be seen.



Courier-Journal Louisville, Ky.

4-16-44

Courier-Journal Louisville, Ky. AP Photo by Julian Wilson.

ONLY NEGRO TRAINER with a Derby horse is Raymond White, shown feeding sugar to his hopeful, American Eagle, owned by J. V. Maggio of Chicago. The "Eagle" won two races last year and was second to Pukka Gin in another.

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Softball

Girls Barred, Form Own Team and Beat Whites

Afro American - Baltimore Md.

6-10-44

SEATTLE, (ANP)—Boeing Aircraft here employs both white and colored girls but when the latter sought to join the crack softball team which represented the plant, the white girls declined to admit them. It was then that Marguerite Burch stepped to the fore.

Mrs. Burch, a newcomer from Portland, Me., who came to Seattle to join her soldier-husband, James, who was stationed here, proved a natural and efficient leader. She got a group of colored girls together. A couple of week's ardent practice with good coaching and a new all-colored team named the Challengers appeared and invited the regular team to play. They whipped the white team soundly.

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TENNIS

Prairie View Player Scores Upset; Roumania Peters Women's Winner

Afro American — Baltimore, md.

By SAM LACY
AFRO Sports Editor

NEW YORK.—Pvt. Lloyd C. Scott, 26-year-old former Prairie View State College student, now stationed at an airbase in Lincoln, Neb., scored a startling upset to take down the tasty morsel that is the national singles championship in the twenty-seventh annual American Tennis Association tournament here at Cosmopolitan Courts, last Sunday afternoon. 8-26-44

The tall, muscular son of the late Prof. Edward Scott of Prairie View, bounced to a straight set triumph over the heavily-favored Pfc. Robert Ryland, of the Waterboro (S.C.) Army Air Base, 6-4; 6-2; 6-3.

Unleashing a sizzling forehand drive that ofttimes left his opponent helpless in its wake, Scott swept through to repeat his accomplishment of 1936 when he took the title in a finals match with ex-champion Harmon Fitch.

Miss Peters Doubles Winner

Sharing the spotlight with Scott was Roumania Peters, of Tuskegee Institute who, like the men's champion, was avenging a previous defeat at the hands of her opponent. Miss Peters copped the women's crown by blasting out a 6-2; 1-6; 6-4 decision over Lillian Van Buren of Detroit.

The Tuskegee schoolmarm, a native of Washington, D.C., went on to win after dropping the first two games to the Motor City public parks titleholder.

The victory made Miss Peters a double winner for the tournament, she having paired with her sister, Margaret, to capture the women's doubles championship earlier in the day.

The men's singles evolved into an all-soldier finals when Pvt. Scott tossed a bombshell—his second of the week—into the tournament by eliminating Dr. Reginal Weir, seven times national champion and one of the favorites in this year's tourney. 8-26-44

Scott trounced Weir in four sets in the Saturday evening semi-finals, 6-4; 9-7; 1-6; 7-5. Weir, though showing the effects of a gruelling exhibition match a few minutes before, was hardly anticipating the trouble Scott was destined to give him. For that reason, it may be assumed that the veteran racketer would have been squelched anyway by the brilliant play of the younger Texan.

Exhibitionists Please

Scott had scored an earlier surprise when he beat Maurice (Flip) Jackson, second ranking player, in 14 games in the quarter-finals. Scott set down the capital city portsider, 6-1; 6-1.

Meanwhile, Ryland was reaching the championnship bracket by virtue of a quarter-finals win over Ronald Fieulletteau, of Tuskegee, 6-3; 6-4, and a semi-finals score over John Chandler, of Fanwood, N.J., 7-5; 6-3; 6-4.

Both titular triumphs represented the gaining of revenge for the victors. 8-26-44

Ryland had scored over Scott in the 1942 nationals and Mrs. Van Buren was a winner over Miss Peters in 1938 at Wilberforce.

The high spot of the week was reached on Saturday afternoon when Alice Marble and Mary Hardwicke, the two ranking women tennis players of the world, appeared in exhibition matches before one of the week's largest gatherings.

Miss Marble, the world champion, defeated Miss Hardwicke, who in private life is Mrs. Charles E. Hare, wife of a ranking British player, in a three-set match, 3-6; 6-3; 6-3. The winner then paired with Frances Gittens, of Brooklyn, to score 8-6, over Miss Hardwicke and Mrs. Van Buren.

In the mixed doubles match—mixed in race as well as in sex—Miss Marble again merged winner over Miss Hardwicke. She and Pfc. Ryland came from behind to down the team of Miss Hardwicke and Dr. Weir, 10-8. 8-26-44

The superior teamplay of the sister combination of Roumania and Margaret Peters of Tuskegee Institute, proved the determining factor in the women's doubles finals. They scored their fifth title triumph by downing Ora Washington, eight times national singles champion, and Anita Gant, of Philadelphia and Washington respectively. The Washington-Gant combine could win but one game in the Peters landslide, 6-1; 6-0.

Freeman Cops Boys' Title

In capturing the boys' singles, Clyde Freeman, Jr., of Washington, D.C., was compelled to come from behind after his opponent, Maynard Clarke, Jr., of Bayonne, N.J., had thrown a scare into the Freeman camp. After being soundly thrashed in the opening set, young Freeman—eldest of a family of three boys — steadied and snatched the next two deuced sets. The final scores were 1-6; 11-9, 7-5.

The Detroit team of Lillian Van Buren and Delbert Russell emerged victor in the mixed doubles title round, turning an easy 6-3; 6-3 win over Kathryne Jones, New England titlist, and Dr. R. (Whirlwind) Johnson, of Lynchburg, Va.

Hard-driving Althea Gibson, of New York City, outplayed courageous Nana Davis, of Elizabeth, N.J., to take the girls' singles crown in straight sets, 6-1; 6-3. Miss Davis, a southpaw, succumbed to the superior baseline play of her Harlem rival. 8-26-44

Carl Williams, a slashing youngster from Orangeburg, S.C., defeated Hilton Davis, of Elizabeth N.J., 6-2; 6-0; 6-1, to capture the junior singles crown, then paired with another Orangeburg lad, Franklin Bailey, to score over Davis and George Granhum in the finals of the junior doubles. This latter victory was attained to the tune of 6-2; 6-4.

John Garrett, an oldtimer from Tuskegee, Ala., downed Fred Johnson, one-armed player from this city, to take down the laurel wreath in the veterans' singles, 6-2; 6-3.

Cpl. Howard Minnis and Sgt. Ronald Filleutelleau, both of Tuskegee, though carried to the five-set limit, downed Flip Jackson (Washington, D.C.) and Charles (Chuck) Jones, of this city, 3-6; 6-4; 7-5; 1-6; 6-3, to win the men's doubles title. 8-26-44

City Councilman Benjamin Davis officiated at presentation of trophies to the winners immediately at the conclusion of the men's doubles play, final event of the week-long tourney.

1944 National Tennis Champs at a Glance

NEW YORK—Winners of national championships at the 27th annual American Tennis Association tournament held here last week were:

Men's Singles

Pvt. Lloyd C. Scott, Prairie View, Texas.

Women's Singles

Roumania Peters, Tuskegee Institute, Ala.

Junior Singles

Carl Williams, Orangeburg, South Carolina.

Veterans' Singles

John Garrett, Tuskegee, Ala.

Boys' Singles

Clyde Freeman, Jr., Washington, D.C.

Girls' Singles

Althea Gibson, New York City. 8-26-44

Men's Doubles

Cpl. Howard Minnis and Sgt. Ronald Fieulleteau, Tuskegee, Alabama.

Womens' Doubles

Roumania and Margaret Peters, Washington, D.C.

Mixed Doubles

Delbert Russell and Lillian Van Buren, Detroit.

Junior Doubles

Carl Williams and Franklin Bailey, Orangeburg, S.C.

William Stars In Tennis Meet

Daily World

Attanta, Ga.

ORANGEBURG, S. C.—(SNS)—Pfc. Robert Ryland, No. 2, 1943 ranking man's singles player, American Tennis Association, now with the 553rd Aviation Squadron stationed at Walterboro, S. C., won the men's singles crown of the first South Carolina State Closed Tennis Tournament to be held at South Carolina State College, Orangeburg, S. C., by defeating Charles Lewis, Jr., 1944 CIAA Doubles Champion in straight sets 6-3, 6-0, 6-1.

Carl Williams, a South Carolina State College, sophomore, and an Army inductee became a triple champion as winner in the men's doubles, junior doubles and junior singles. 6-11-44

The men's doubles was won by William McTeer, South Carolina State College 1944 graduate and Carl Williams from Pfc. Ryland and William "Bucky" Harris Wilkinson High 1944 graduate, Orangeburg, 9-7, 6-1, 6-2.

The junior dougles was won by Carl Williams and John D. Rhodes, Jr., 1941 Jubilee National Champion, American Tennis Asociation from Franklin Bailey, Wilkinson High 1944 graduate, and "Bucky" Harris 6-4, 3-6, 6-0, 6-2.

Carl Williams in a hectic match won the junior singles from Franklin Bailey 9-11, 6-2, 6-4, 6-3.

Rosalyn Daniels, Orangeburg won the women's singles from Thelma Kirkland, Camden, S. C., 6-1, 6-0.

Thelma Kirkland won the girls singles from Rosa Bell Jenkins, Spartanburg, 6-0, 6-1. Thelma Kirkland and Ethel Kelly, Camden won the women's doubles from Rosalyn Daniels and Victoria Rhodes, Wilkinson High, Orangeburg, 6-2- 6-2. 6-11-44

Marion Boykins, Camden, won the boys singles from his home mate John D. Marshall 4-6, 6-4, 6-3.

Four Soldiers Win In Negro Net Play

Daily Worker—N.Y., N.Y.

Four soldiers won their way into the third round of the Negro national tennis singles in matches played Tuesday on the Cosmopolitan Club courts. Private Robert Roland of Walterboro, S. C., runner-up in 1942; Sergt. Lloyd Scott of Prairie View, Tex., Ronald Fieulleteau of Tuskegee Air Field, and Corporal Edward Bouey, Fort Knox, were the service men who came through. Dr. Reginald Weir of New York, defending champion, had no match yesterday. 8-17-44

Soldiers who failed to survive the second round were George Oliver of Tunskegee Air Field and Corporal Samuel Brooks of Fort Benning,

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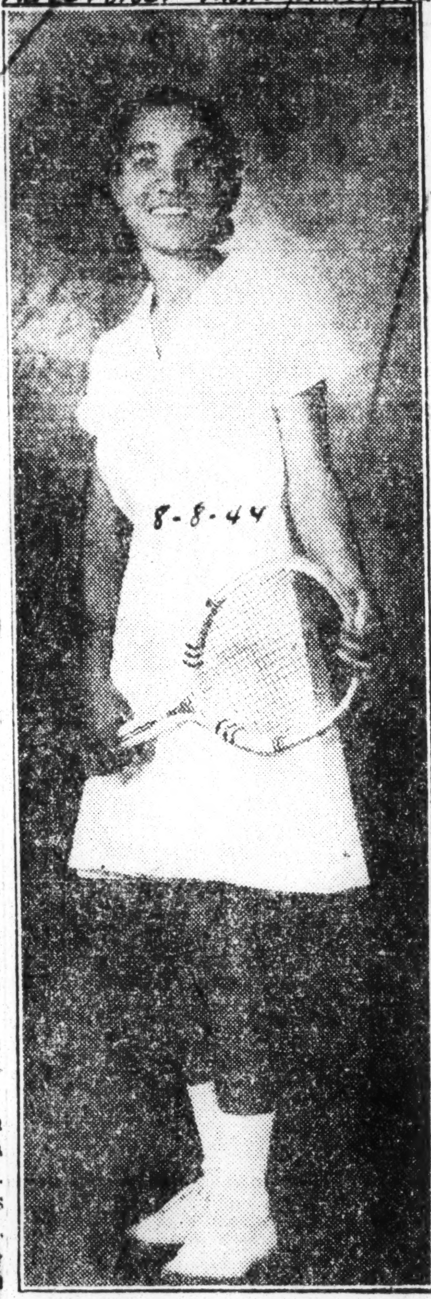

8-8-44

TUSKEGEE INSTITUTE, ALA., Aug. 6. — Roumania Peters, of Tuskegee Institute, leaves the campus this week for New York, N. Y., where she will participate in the 27th national championship of the American Tennis Association to be held on the Cosmopolitan Tennis Courts, 443 Convent Avenue (Corner 149th Street), from Aug. 14 to 20, inclusive.

Miss Peters, semi-finalist at Lincoln University in 1942, has been polishing up on her game Tuskegee Institute for the past Tuskegee Institute fo rthe past several weeks and observers believe that she will again make her usual excellent showing. Miss Peters is a tennis player of considerable ability, possessing plenty of stamina, and unusual driving power. She and her sister, Margaret, who will also partiicpate in the championships, are enthusiastic about the game and are widely known among lovers of the sport. 8-8-44

Other tennis players who will represent Tuskegee Institute at the championships are Mrs. Mildred McConnell Brown, Helen Hutchinson and Alva Tabor. Dr. John B. Garrett will represent the Veterans Administration Facility, Tuskegee, Ala.

GRASING VICTOR, 6-1, 6-0

N.Y. Times 8-17-44

Beats Nesbitt in Fourth Round of Negro National Tennis

N.Y., N.Y.

Edward Grasing of Englewood, N. J., reached the quarter-final bracket, a round ahead of the men's field, in the Negro national tennis championships yesterday at the Cosmopolitan courts by eliminating Brabell Nesbitt of Elizabeth, N. J., 6—1, 6—0, in the only fourth-round match played. Rain caused a postponement of a number of matches in the competition being sponsored by the American Tennis Association.

Seeded players came through, as expected, all advancing to the fourth bracket. Private Robert Ryland of Walterboro, S. C., disposed of John L. McGriff of Portsmouth, Va., 6—1, 6—4, and Ronald Fieulleteau of Tuskegee Air Field vanquished Andrew Goodall, New York, 6—2, 6—2.

John Chandler of Fanwood, N. J., defeated Sgt. Archibald LeCense, 6—0, 6—1; Delbert B. Russell of Detroit, beat Arnold Lynn of Jamaica, L. I., 7—5, 2—6, 6—4, and Maurice Jackson of Washington, triumphed over O. C. Dawson of Orangeburg S. C., 6—2, 6—2.

Miss Dorothy Morgan of Washington, defending champion, set the pace for the women, by eliminating Miss Jackie Mizelle, New York, 6—1, 6—2, to move into the fourth round. 8-17-44

Miss Roumania Peters, Tuskegee, eliminated Miss Helen Hutchinson, also of Tuskegee, 6—3, 7—5, 6—3; Mrs. Lillian Van Buren, Detroit, won from Miss Gladys Dyer, by default, and Miss Myrtle Beavers, New York, vanquished Mrs. Lena Walden of Detroit, 6—1, 6—2.

Daily Worker—New York, N.Y.

In this corner

8-25-44

The USLTA Doesn"t Believe That Tennis and Democracy Mix

Bill Mardo

Perhaps it's not amiss to air out the question of Jimcrow in tennis, inasmuch as the national championship matches get under way next week at Forest Hills.

Those matches will be receiving nationwide attention in the press. By the same token, we feel it's due time to focus some of that attention upon the organization conducting the tournament, the all-supreme United States Lawn Tennis Association.

Well, what is the USLTA? Briefly, they're an organization of ranking socialites who exercise tight control over all the key amateur tennis tourneys. 8-25-44

Let's see how they operate. The World Series of amateur tennis are the Forest Hills matches. For a player to get into the Forest Hills courts, he must have served an apprenticeship at various other tennis clubs throughout the country . . . tennis clubs dependent upon the USLTA for their existence. It's pretty difficult for the average player of working class background to crack those clubs, unless he's unusually talented. Usually, the player needs some sort of an "in" to crash the important tourneys.

Just why the Westchester, Rye, Newport and Southampton tennis matches are so exculsive can be gleaned from the fact that those clubs cannot expect to make any money from the games unless they play ball with the USLTA. In order for them to be assured of financial success, they need some ranking USLTA players as drawing cards. Now, if the USLTA has scrupulously avoided entry of Negro or Jewish players at Forest Hills, certainly the Rye, Newport and other clubs aren't going to risk oending the USLTA by exhibiting some simple democracy.

The USLTA is a fabulously rich outfit. They'd like to keep amateur tennis at a rich man's level . . . with the key tournaments unspoiled and untouched by the poor Negro or Jewish netmen. The hypocrisy of the USLTA bigwigs is sickeningly obvious, when they prevent players from making a living with their talents while they themselves reap a fortune at the box office.

And what does the USLTA do with their dough? We might be able to overlook some of their sins if they were sincerely interested in furthering the game, in putting it within reach of those kids who weren't born with limousines alongside their cribs. But no, the USLTA makes no attempt to provide mass tennis competition, or develop underprivileged players. 8-25-44

Why is it that the average working class kid can usually play a crackerjack game of baseball or basketball, but when it comes to tennis, well, it's like learning to walk again? It's precisely because tennis has been kept from his reach. It's precisely because the USLTA doesn't have a charitable bone in its entire body.

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Tennis is a wonderful game, and it deserves mass popularity and participation. But it's tough for the boy of average means to keep pace with the expenses of the game. A decent racket costs anywhere from $12 to $20. The racket requires regular restringing, and that usually costs eight dollars. In order to develop your game, it must be played constantly. Who can afford to improve one's game at $1.50 per hour?

You might say that city-sponsored tennis courts are available for those who cannot foot a regular tennis court fee. That's true, but the average worker can't get into a city court until the week-end. Then the courts are so jam-packed with hungry tennis lovers that the supervisors are usually compelled to limit playing to one hour.

In Los Angeles and other California cities, tennis instructors are provided free of charge at the parks and playgrounds. Which is one reason why so much tennis talent stems from California. In certain sections of the west and southwest, kids are weaned on tennis. There can be no denying that tennis has all the attributes to warrant becoming one of America's most popular sports. 8-25-44

That is, all the attributes but one. Putting the means of learning and playing the game within the level of everyone, regardless of his economic status. The USLTA, however, isn't interested in tapping the Harlem or the East Side for potential talent. The idea of a Negro or Jewish player at Forest Hills is too hard to swallow with their crumpets and tea. . . . The idea of giving worthy Jewish or Negro players national listings is a repulsive one with the USLTA.

But those reactionary sentiments are not shared by the top-notch white players. That fact was amply demonstrated when Alice Marble and Mary Hardwick teamed up with Negro players in an inter-racial doubles match at the Negro tennis tourney last week. In this respect, a definite simile can be drawn between the situation in big league baseball and the USLTA. The

heart of the anti-Negro law stems from those in control of the game, and not the players themselves.

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It would be well to remember these things next week, as we become flooded with pictures of USLTA moguls smugly smiling from their box-seats at the Forest Hills championship games.

It would be well to remember these things, because you'll not see any photos of Negro or Jewish players returning one over the net.

In that sense next week's games are neither national nor true championship contests.

— The Roundup —

Alice Marble Plays in Harlem

Daily worker - N.Y., N.Y.
8-17-44

By Phil Gordon —

Alice Marble, one of the great women tennis players in history, and Mary Hardwick, the British ace, will show they are champs in more ways than one Saturday when they will play an exhibiton match at the Cosmopolitan Courts in Harlem where the National Negro Tennis Association championships are being held.

Miss Marble and Miss Hardwick follow in the democratic footsteps of still another great tennis ace—Don Budge—who a few years ago made it his business to visit the Negro tennis stars and play exhibition games with them despite the fact the Lawn Tennis Association is a viciously Jim Crow outfit.

Hats off to Miss Marble and Miss Hardwick.

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Judge Landis' office reveals that the Giants have torn up Bill Voiselle's contract and signed him to a new and much better one with a substantial increase in salary. The Dodgers have done likewise with young Tommy Warren. . . . 8-17-44

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Rollie Hemsley will play his last game with the Yanks today at the Stadium and then will leave for home, there to be inducted into the Army. . . . Joe McCarthy will most probably call up another receiver on Friday. In the meantime Mike Garbark will do the major part of the catching.

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Vern Stephens' 14th homer of the year Tuesday came with the bases loaded against the Red Sox and won an important ball game that put the Sox 6½ games to the rear again. The belting shortstop now has driven 81 runs across the plate. 8-17-44

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Dixie Walker remained behind when the Dodgers left St. Louis after absorbing four consecutive lickings to be treated for the chipped bone in his ankle that has put him out of commission for what may be the rest of the year. If Dixie doesn't appear in any more games and Stan Musial doesn't pass our hero's .356 average, Dixie will be the batting champ of the league because he has played in 109 games—nine more than is necessary to win the title.

Pvt. Lloyd Scott Wins National Tennis Crown

Defender - Chicago, Ill.

8-26-44

NEW YORK.—Pvt. Lloyd Scott, former national champion and now of the second army air force, seeded No. 5, waded through a field of 87 in the men's singles to win the 1944 national championship of the American Tennis association on the grounds of the Cosmopolitan Tennis club here Sunday, Aug. 20.

Young Scott who at one time represented Prairie View State college and was the protege of the late Charles Lewis Sr., coach of the net team of that Texas school, defeated Chicago's Pfc. Robert Ryland, now of the First Army Air Force and seeded No. 2 player, in straight sets, 6-4, 6-2, 6-3.

Pvt. Scott, in a sizzling semi-final on Sunday, defeated five times national champion, Dr. Reggie Weir, New York City, seeded No. 1 player, 6-4, 9-7, 7-5.

Miss Roumania Peters, Tuskegee Institute, Ala., turned back Mrs. Lillian Van Buren, Detroit, 6-2, 1-6, 6-4. 8-26-44

Corp. Howard Minnis, formerly of Tuskegee Institute, Ala., and former member of the national doubles team and Sgt. Ronald Fieulleteau of the Tuskegee Army Air Field, Ala., won from Charles Chuck Jones, of this city and Maurice Jackson, Washington, D. C.,, 3-6, 6-4,

Carl Williams, Orangeburg, S. C., won the junior singles by defeating Hilton Davis, Elizabeth, N. J., 6-3, 6-0, 6-1. Davis teamed with George Grannum, in the junior doubles but lost to Carl Williams and Franklin Bailey, both of Orangeburg, S. C., who triumphed, 6-2, 6-4.

In the veterans' singles, John Garrett, Tuskegee, Ala., defeated Fred Johnson, New York City, 6-2, 6-3.

The boys' singles title was won by Clyde Freeman Jr., Washington, D. C., who defeated Maynard Clark, Bayonne, N. J., 1-6, 11-9, 7-5.

The girls' singles was won by Althea Gibson, New York City, from Nana Davis, Elizabeth, N. J., 6-1, 6-3. 8-26-44

Mrs. Lillian Van Buren and Delbert Russell, Detroit, took the mixed doubles honors from Catherine Jones, Springfield, Mass., and Prairie View State college, Texas, and Dr. R. Walter Johnson, Lynchburg, Va., 6-3, 6-3.

The Intercollegiate championship went to Ava Tabor, Tuskegee Institute, over Thomas Beyers, Johnson C. Smith university, 6-3, 6-4.

Prairie View Player Scores Upset; Roumania Peters Women's Winner

Afro-American Baltimore, Md 8-26-44

By SAM LACY
AFRO Sports Editor

NEW YORK.—Pvt. Lloyd C. Scott, 26-year-old former Prairie View State College student, now stationed at an airbase in Lincoln, Neb., scored a startling upset to take down the tasty morsel that is the national singles championship in the twenty-seventh annual American Tennis Association tournament here at Cosmopolitan Courts, last Sunday afternoon.

The tall, muscular son of the late Prof. Edward Scott of Prairie View, bounced to a straight set triumph over the heavily-favored Pfc. Robert Ryland, of the Waterboro (S.C.) Army Air Base, 6-4; 6-2; 6-3.

Unleashing a sizzling forehand drive that ofttimes left his opponent helpless in its wake, Scott swept through to repeat his accomplishment of 1936 when he took the title in a finals match with ex-champion Harmon Fitch.

Miss Peters Doubles Winner

Sharing the spotlight with Scott was Roumania Peters, of Tuskegee Institute who, like the men's champion, was avenging a previous defeat at the hands of her opponent. Miss Peters copped the women's crown by blasting out a 6-2; 1-6; 6-4 decision over Lillian Van Buren of Detroit.

The Tuskegee schoolmarm, a native of Washington, D.C., went on to win after dropping the first two games to the Motor City public parks titleholder.

The victory made Miss Peters a double winner for the tournament, she having paired with her sister, Margaret, to capture the women's doubles championship earlier in the day.

The men's singles evolved into an all-soldier finals when Pvt. Scott tossed a bombshell—his second of the week—into the tournament by eliminating Dr. Reginal Weir, seven times national champion and one of the favorites in this year's tourney.

Scott trounced Weir in four sets in the Saturday evening semi-finals, 6-4; 9-7; 1-6; 7-5. Weir, though showing the effects of a gruelling exhibition match a few minutes before, was hardly anticipating the trouble Scott was destined to give him. For that reason, it may be assumed that the veteran racketeer would have been squelched anyway by the brilliant play of the younger Texan.

Exhibitionists Please

Scott had scored an earlier surprise when he beat Maurice (Flip) Jackson, second ranking player, in 14 games in the quarter-finals. Scott set down the capital city portsider, 6-1; 6-1.

Meanwhile, Ryland was reaching the championnship bracket by virtue of a quarter-finals win over Ronald Fieulletteau, of Tuskegee, 6-3; 6-4, and a semi-finals score over John Chandler, of Fanwood, N.J., 7-5; 6-3; 6-4.

Both titular triumphs represented the gaining of revenge for the victors.

Ryland had scored over Scott in the 1942 nationals and Mrs. Van Buren was a winner over Miss Peters in 1938 at Wilberforce.

The high spot of the week was reached on Saturday afternoon when Alice Marble and Mary Hardwicke, the two ranking women tennis players of the world, appeared in exhibition matches before one of the week's largest gatherings.

Miss Marble, the world champion, defeated Miss Hardwicke, who in private life is Mrs. Charles E. Hare, wife of a ranking British player, in a three-set match, 3-6; 6-3; 6-3. The winner then paired with Frances Gittens, of Brooklyn, to score 8-6, over Miss Hardwicke and Mrs. Van Buren.

In the mixed doubles match—mixed in race as well as in sex—Miss Marble again merged winner over Miss Hardwicke. She and Pfc. Ryland came from behind to down the team of Miss Hardwicke and Dr. Weir, 10-8.

The superior teamplay of the sister combination of Roumania and Margaret Peters of Tuskegee Institute, proved the determining factor in the women's doubles finals. They scored their fifth title triumph by downing Ora Washington, eight times national singles champion, and Anita Gant, of Philadelphia and Washington respectively. The Washington-Gant combine could win but one game in the Peters landslide, 6-1; 6-0.

Freeman Cops Boys' Title

In capturing the boys' singles, Clyde Freeman, Jr., of Washington, D.C., was compelled to come from behind after his opponent, Maynard Clarke, Jr., of Bayonne, N.J., had thrown a scare into the Freeman camp. After being soundly thrashed in the opening set, young Freeman—eldest of a family of three boys — steadied and snatched the next two deuced sets. The final scores were 1-6; 11-9, 7-5.

The Detroit team of Lillian Van Buren and Delbert Russell emerged victor in the mixed doubles title round, turning an easy 6-3; 6-3 win over Kathryne Jones, New England titlist, and Dr. R. (Whirlwind) Johnson, of Lynchburg, Va.

Hard-driving Althea Gibson, of New York City, outplayed courageous Nana Davis, of Elizabeth, N.J., to take the girls' singles crown in straight sets, 6-1; 6-3. Miss Davis, a southpaw, succumbed to the superior baseline play of her Harlem rival.

Carl Williams, a slashing youngster from Orangeburg, S.C., defeated Hilton Davis, of Elizabeth N.J., 6-2; 6-0; 6-1, to capture the junior singles crown, then paired with another Orangeburg lad, Franklin Bailey, to score over Davis and George Granhum in the finals of the junior doubles. This latter victory was attained to the tune of 6-2; 6-4.

John Garrett, an oldtimer from Tuskegee, Ala., downed Fred Johnson, one-armed player from this city, to take down the laurel wreath in the veterans' singles, 6-2; 6-3.

Cpl. Howard Minnis and Sgt. Ronald Filleutelleau, both of Tuskegee, though carried to the five-set limit, downed Flip Jackson (Washington, D.C.) and Charles (Chuck) Jones, of this city, 3-6; 6-4; 7-5; 1-6; 6-3, to win the men's doubles title.

City Councilman Benjamin Davis officiated at presentation of trophies to the winners immediately at the conclusion of the men's doubles play, final event of the week-long tourney.

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Tennis

Fifth Seeded Wins Tennis Title:

Pvt. Lloyd Scott Defeats Weir And Ryland To Win ATA Crown

Journal & Guide

Norfolk, Va.

By J. D. McGHEE

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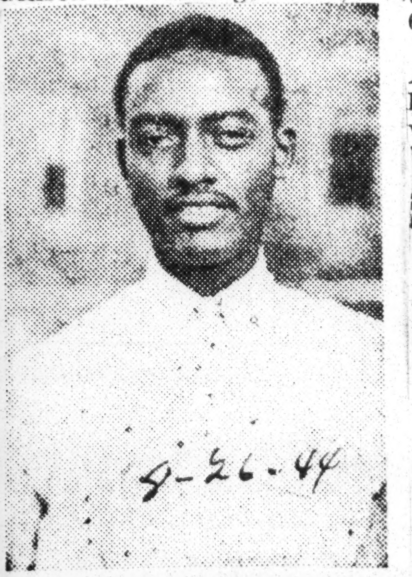
In a sizzling semi-final Sunday, Scott defeated the five times national champion, Dr. C. Reginald Weir, of New York City, seeded No. 1, 6-4, 9-7, 1-6, 6-4.

Roumania Peters copped the women's singles title by conquering the favorite threat, Mrs. Lillian Van Buren 6-2, 1-6, 6-4.

DOUBLES WINNERS

Cpl. Howard Minnis and Sgt. Ronald Fielleteau of Tuskegee Army Air Field copped the doubles crown by defeating Church Jones of New York and Maurice Jackson of Washington 3-6, 6-4, 7-5, 1-6. and 6-3. 8-26-44



PVT. LLOYD SCOTT

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Carl Williams of Orangeburg, S. C., was declared junior singles champion by virtue of a 6-3, 6-0, 6-1 triumph over Hilton Davis of Elizabeth, N. J.

Williams teamed with Franklin Bailey, also of Orangeburg to win the junior doubles title. They beat Davis and George Grannum 6-2, 6-4.

John Garrett of Tuskegee, Ala. defeated Fred Johnson of New York 6-2, 6-3, for the veterans singles crown.

Clyde Freeman Jr., of Washington, D. C., is the new boys singles titleholder, winning from Maynard Clark of Bayonne, N. J., 1-6, 11-9, 7-5. 8-26-44

GIRLS CHAMPIONSHIP

Althea Gibson of New York stopped Nana Davis of Elizabeth, N. J., 6-1, 6-3, for the girls singles championship.

Mrs. Lillian Van Buren and Belbert Russell of Detroit, Mich., mixed doubles champions. They defeated Miss Catherine Jones and Dr. R. Walter Johnson of Lynchburg, Va., 6-3, 6-3.

In the intercollegiate section Alva Tabor won over Thomas Byers of Johnson C. Smith University 6-3, 6-4.

Pvt. Lloyd Scott Wins Net Crown In Nat'l Tourney

Courier—Pittsburgh, Pa.

8-26-44

By J. D. McGHEE

NEW YORK CITY—Pvt. Lloyd Scott, Second Army Air Force, seeded number five, pushed through a field of 87 to win the 1944 national championship of the American Tennis association held at New York City August 14 through 20, by defeating Pfc. Robert Ryland, First Army Air Force, seeded number 2, in straight sets, 6-4, 6-2, 6-3, in a sizzling semi-final on Sunday.

Lloyd Scott defeated the five times national champion, Dr. C. Reginald Weir, seeded number 1, New York City 6-4, 3-7, 1-6, 7-5. Roumanie Peters, Tuskegee, Ala., conquered the favorite threat of Mrs. Lillian Vanburen in a three set final 6-2, 1-6, 6-4. Cpl. Howard Minnis and Sgt. Ronald Fielleteau, Tuskegee, defeated Charles Chuck Jones, New York, and Maurice Jackson, Washington, 3-6, 6-4, 7-5, 1-6, 6-3. Carl Williams, Orangeburg, S. C., won the junior singles championship of the American Tennis association by defeating Hilton Davis, Elizabeth, N. J., 6-3, 6-Love, 6-1, and Carl Willaims and Franklin Bailey, also of Orangeburg, won the junior doubles championship by defeating Hilton Davis and George Grannum, 6-2, 6-4. Betrams singles: John Garrett, Tuskegee, Ala., defeated Fred Johnson, New York, 6-2, 6-3. Boys' singles: Clyde Freeman, Jr., Washington, defeated Maynard Clark, Bayonne, N. J., 1-6, 11-9, 7-5. Girls' singles: Althea Gibson, New York, defeated Nana Davis, Elizabeth, N. J., 6-1, 6-3. Mixed doubles: Mrs. Lillian Van Buren and Delbert Russell, Detroit, defeated Miss Catherine Jones and Dr. R. Walter Johnson, Lynchburg, Va., 6-3, 6-3. Intercollegiate: Alva Tabor, Tuskegee, defeated Thomas Byers, Johnson C. Smith university, 6-3, 6-4.

Southern Tennis Stars Defeat Monopolize National Tourney

Daily World — Atlanta, Ga.

8-22-44

NEW YORK — (SNS) — Private Lloyd Scott, Second Army Air Force, seeded No. 5, pushed through a field of 87 to win the 1944 National Championship of the American Tennis Association, held here August 14 through 20, by defeating Pfc. Robert Ryland, First Army Air Force, seeded No. 2, in straight sets 6-4, 6-2, 6-3 in a sizzling semi-final Sunday.

Scott defeated the fives times national champion Dr. C. Reginald Weir, seeded, No. 1, of New York City, 6-4, 9-7, 1-6, 6-4.

Roumania Peters, of Tuskegee Institute, conquered the favorite threat of the meet, Mrs. Lillian Van Buren, in a three set final 6-2, 1-6 and 6-4.

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Cpl. Howard Minnis and Sgt. Ronald Fielleteau, of Tuskegee, defeated Charles "Chuck" Jones, New York and Maurice Jackson, Washington, 3-6, 6-4, 7-5, 1-6, and 6-3, in the men's doubles, and Carl Williams, of Orangeburgh, S. C., won the junior singles championship of the American Tennis association by defeating Hilton Davis, of Elizabeth, N J., 6-3, 6-love, 6-1. And Williams and Franklin Bailey, also of Orangeburg, win the junior doubles championship by licking Davis and George Grannum, 6-2, 6-4.

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Singles, Fred Johnson of New York lost to John Garrett, of Tuskegee; Boys singles, Clyde Freeman, Jr., Washington, defeated Maynard Clark, of Bayonne, N. J. 1-6, 11-9, and 7-5. In the girls singles Althea Gibson of New York turned back Nana Davis, of Elizabeth, N. J. 6-1, 6-3 and in the mixed doubles Mrs. Lillian Van Buren and Belbert Russell, Detroit, defeated Miss Catherine Jones and Dr. R. Walter Johnson of Lynchburg, Va. 6-3, 6-3.

In the inter-collegiate, Alva Tabor, Tuskegee, defeaed Thomas Evers, of Johnson C. Smith at Charlotte, N. C.

Thelma McDaniel, Alva Tabor Win Tennis Crowns

Journal & Guide

Norfolk, Va.

5-27-44

TUSKEGEE INSTITUTE, Ala. —Alva Tabor and Miss Thelma McDaniel, both of Tuskegee, are the new men's and women's singles tennis champions of the Southern Intercollegiate Athletic Conference.

Tabor conquered Wallace Hawkins of Florida 7-5, 6-3, 6-3 for the men's crown. Miss McDaniel bested Miss Hattie Turner, also of Tuskegee, 9-7, 4-6, 6-4 to win.

MEN'S SINGLES

First Round—George Exum (Floriday) beat Bernard Jefferson (Alabama State), 6-1, 4-6, 6-4.

William Preston (Fisk) beat Harold Lapsarde, 6-4, 6-2.

Roscoe Pearson (Tennessee State) beat Julian Anderson (Fisk), 6-0, 6-1.

Wallace Hawkins (Florida) beat Harold Smith (Tennessee State), 6-4, 6-4.

Charles Perry (Tuskegee) beat Samuel Williams (Xavier), 6-0, 6-4.

QUARTER FINALS

Alva Tabor (Tuskegee) beat Exum 6-2, 6-4.

Preston beat Pearson 4-6, 7-5, 6-4.

Hawkins beat Perry 6-2, 6-0.

James Franklin (Alabama State) beat John Hudson (Fisk) 6-4, 6-2.

SEMI-FINALS

Tabor beat Preston 7-5, 6-2, 7-5.

Hawkins beat Franklin 6-4, 6-3, 6-0.

FINALS

Tabor beat Hawkins 7-5, 6-3, 6-3.

WOMEN'S SINGLES

First Round—Dorothy Kornegay (Tuskege) beat Lorraine Hill (Xavier) 6-0, 6-2.

Thelma Reeves (Tuskegee) beat Bettie Davis (Florida) 6-2, 7-5.

QUARTER FINALS

Thelma McDaniel (Tuskegee) beat Odessa Hague (Tuskegee) 6-1, 6-3.

Clara Nixon (Florida) beat Dorothy Kornegay 7-5, 6-4.

Hattie Turner (Tuskegee) beat Thelma Reeves 6-0, 6-2.

Ella Williams (Xavier) beat Belle Doughty (Tennessee State) 6-4, 6-4.

SEMI-FINALS 5-27-44

Thelma McDaniel beat Clara Nixon 6-4, 6-3. Hattie Turner beat Ella Williams 6-0, 6-0.

WOMEN'S FINALS

Thelma McDaniel beat Hattie Turner 9-7, 4-6, 6-4.

MEN'S DOUBLES

Quarter Finals: Hawkins and Exum beat Smith and Pearson (Tennessee State) 6-3, 6-2.

Perry and Tabor (Tuskegee) beat Preston and Hudson (Fisk) 6-2, 6-4.

SEMI-FINALS

Exum and Hawkins beat Samuel and Lapsarde 6-0, 6-3, 6-0.

Perry and Tabor (Tuskegee) beat Jefferson and Franklin (Alabama State) 6-3, 6-4, 6-3.

FINALS

Exum and Hawkins beat Perry and Tabor 7-5, 6-2, 2-6, 3-6, 7-5.

WOMEN'S DOUBLES

QUARTER FINALS: Reeves and McDaniel beat Kornegay and Hague 6-2, 6-2.

Mildred Brown and Hattie Turner (Tuskegee) beat David and Nixon (Florida) 6-1, 6-0.

McDaniel and Reeves beat Hahl and Williams (Xavier) 6-0, 6-1.

SEMI-FINALS 5-27-44

Brown and Turner (Tuskegee) beat Davis and Nixon (Florida) 6-1, 6-0.

McDaniels and Reeves beat Hahl and Williams (Xavier) 6-0, 6-1.

FINALS

Brown and Turner (Tuskegee) beat McDaniel and Reeves (Tuskegee) 6-0, 6-1.

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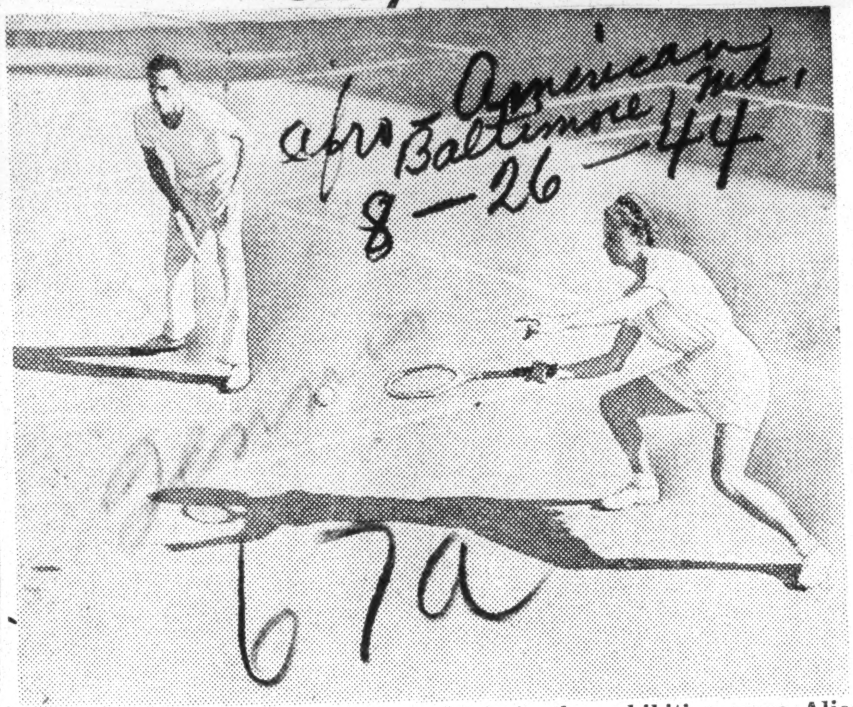
Four of the fair stars in the national tourney were, left to right: Roumania Peters, Tuskegee Institute, later crowned champion; Frances Gittens, Brooklyn, N.Y., beaten by Lillian Van Buren, Detroit, third from left, and Dorothy Morgan, Washington, D.C., loser to Mrs. Gittens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Opposing Miss Hardwicke and Dr. Weir in the exhibition were Alice Marble, white, woman's world champion, and Pfc. Robert Ryland, runner-up in the men's title bracket to Pvt. Lloyd Scott of Prairie View, Texas. Marble and Ryland (above) won the match, 8-6.

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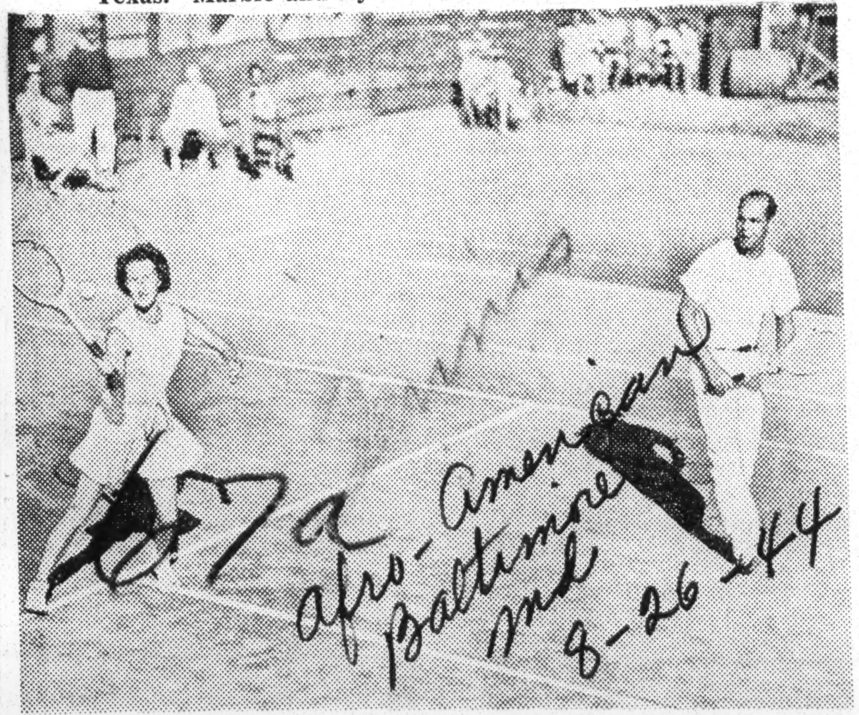
Champions all, Mary Hardwicke, extreme left, and Alice Marble pose with Maynard Clarke, Jr., of Bayonne, N.J., second from left, and Clyde Freeman, Jr., Washington, D.C., after the latter had copped the boys' crown with a 1-6, 11-9, 7-5 score over young Clarke.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The AFRO camera captures the scene as Miss Mary Hardwicke, white, British woman's champion, and Dr. Reginald Weir, former national titleholder, engage in the mixed doubles exhibition match at the American Tennis Association's championship matches in New York

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Track

Conwell Sets World's Mark In Beating Claude Young

Courier — Pittsburgh, Pa

4-1-44

Youthful Illinois Star Comes Back to Surprise Eddie Dugger In Low Hurdles in Cleveland Indoor Meet

CLEVELAND, Ohio—Ed Conwell of New York university took the latest round in the battle for rights to the claim of "World's Fastest Human" when he set a world record of 4.7 seconds for the 45-yard dash in the Knights of Columbus meet at the arena here Friday night. Conwell took care of his two closest rivals, the veteran Herb Thompson of the Coast Guards and Claude Young, the fleet-footed freshman star from the University of Illinois.

YOUNG BEATS DUGGER

Although losing to Conwell in the flat race, Young came through with one of the season's biggest upsets when he outran Ed Dugger, National hurdles champ, in the 45-yard low hurdles in 5.4 seconds. Dugger had been a consistent winner this season. Trailing the pair was Clarence Lewis of Rankin, Pa., another veteran star. Dugger won the 45-yard high hurdles in 5.7 seconds.

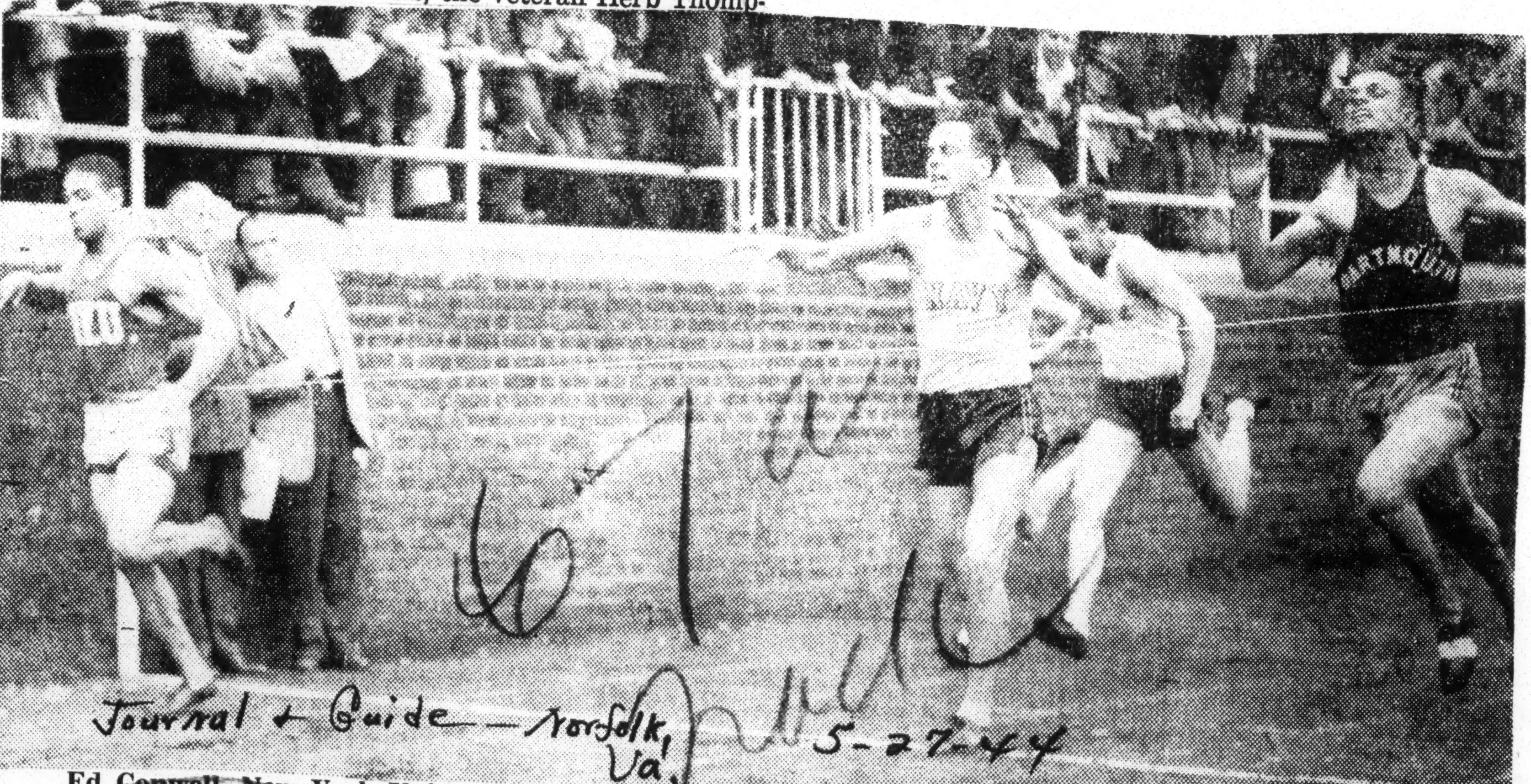
Dave Albritton, the former Ohio State star, who recently returned to the boards, tied for first place in the high jump at 6 feet 4¾ inches with Floyd Bates of Great Lakes.

KELLEY LOSES

Bob Kelley, Illinois' middle distance star, was nosed out by his perennial rival, Bob Ufer of Michigan, in the 600-yard run. Ufer came through with the fair time of 1:13.2. Herb McKinley, West Indian ace, from Boston college, was third.

Rudy Simms, the NYU freshman miler, finished second to Bill Hulse, former NYU stalwart in a 4:14.3 Doddsless mile.

Young and Kelley, running third and fourth legs, teamed up with Gonzales and Hinkle to win the intercollegiate mile relay for Illinois.



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Ed Conwell, New York University sprint ace, cops the century in last Saturday's IC4A meet at Franklin Field, Philadelphia, in the fast time of 9.8. (Peace Photo)

YOUNG, DRAKE RELAYS STAR

Figures in Four Victories; Dave Williams Sets Record

The Call — Kansas City, Mo.

5-5-44

DES MOINES. — Claude (Buddy) Young, freshman, figured in four triumphs for the University of Illinois including two championships in the first of the individual competitions at the 35th annual Drake relays Saturday.

Young won the broad jump by clearing 22 feet 4½ inches to take the title in a mediocre field. Young took his second title in the 100 yard dash as he spurted ahead of eight finalists. He came into first place against a stiff wind to capture the championship in 9.8 seconds. Len Alkon of Iowa Pre-Flight, a former Michigan sprinter was second. His time was one-half second slower than Young.

Young's performance was acclaimed by a crowd of 8,200 spectators. He was one of the seven men used by Illinois in winning four relays.

The same four Illinois runners with Young at anchor in each instance were: David Best, Richard Young, and Marce Gonzalez.

In the interscholastic competition on Friday Dave Williams of Ottumwa, set a new record in the discus throw with a heave of 143.37 feet. He cracked the mark of 136.13 feet set by Ervin York of Perry.

Ewell Trails Conwell In Penn Relay Century

The CALL 5-5-44

Kansas City, Mo.

PHILADELPHIA. — Sepia thinclads came in for their share of honors at the Penn relays here last week end as Ed Conwell of New York university nosed out Pvt. Barney Ewell of Camp Lee, Va., in the 100 yard dash and Ewell took the broad jump.

Lincoln university of Pennsylvania won the college mile relay, first, with a time of 3.30.5. N. Y. College took the second 3.33.5.

After two false starts, Ed. Conwell of New York university nosed out Ewell in the century. Conwell pulled a tendon as he crossed the finish line in 9.8 seconds, two feet ahead of Ewell. Herbert Thompson of the New York coast guard was third.

Pvt. Barney Ewell of Camp Lee, Va., and former Penn State star competing in his ninth relay, won the broad jump with a leap of 24 feet 2 1-8 inches. D. Dupre of the pre-midshipmen's school at Asbury Park, N. J., was second and the defending champion, Eulace Peacock was third.

Rudolph Simms of New York university was third in the three-quarter mile run, with Hulse and Daily of the New York A. C. in front of him.

Sgt. Joshua Williamson, Holabird Signal depot, Baltimore, Md., won the high jump with a leap of 6 feet 4 inches. Cpl. Estel Harper, of the same depot was second.

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had a definite understanding with the Newark Eagle management before skipping willy-nilly to South of the Border.

AGREED TO PLAY

I don't know exactly how much money Effa and Abe Manley promised Willie, but whatever it was, Wells agreed that it was okay with him and on this basis, the publicity was spread that he would again be in the Newark fold officially opened for that club. To thousands of fans the country over, Willie Wells is a favorite ballplayer, but to those who had been pushing him as a candidate for the big league consideration, considerable doubt has entered the equation.

If Wells would ignore and discard contractual obligations with Newark, what indications are there, (providing the situation came to that point of development), that he would show up to play with the Pirates, the Giants or the Dodgers? It isn't sound business sense to jump at the first "five dollars more" offered, giving no reason, or no word why one is leaving so suddenly. The embarrassment of the Eagles management is and should certainly be much less than that of Wells who some day will come to realize that what he is chasing might not be real gold after all.

Meanwhile, the Manleys are grooming Lanny Pearson for the hole left in the infield by Wells' unpredicted departure for Vera Cruz, Mexico. Between the players there is no comparison. Wells is the cream of the crop. Pearson, however, should give the fans a show for their money in that he is willing, a sure fielder and a more than fair hitter.

A GREAT

Negro baseball since 1930 has developed several great stars, among them Willie Wells. Others are Satchel Paige, Josh Gibson, Buck Leonard, Ted Strong, now in the Navy Seabees, Impo Barnhill, Terris MacDuffie, Ray Dandridge, Roy Campinella, Jim West, and Sampson. Paige the pitcher, is with the Kansas City Monarchs. Gibson, the catcher and home run clouter, and Buck Leonard, the first baseman and hitting marvel, are with the Homestead Grays. Ted Strong played outfield and was one of the greatest hitters ever developed in the West. Barnhill is the tiny righthander of the New York Cubans who is facing induction. MacDuffie, is the wonder pitching marvel of the New York Black Yankees. Dandridge is the Newark Eagles' great second baseman. Roy Campinella is the catcher from the Baltimore Elite Giants mentioned as a possible candidate for a berth with the Pittsburgh Pirates two seasons ago. West is the clowning first baseman of the Philadelphia Stars and Sampson is the Birmingham Black Barons' ace second sacker.

SUBTLE WOOERS

Paige, Gibson, MacDuffie, Dandridge, and Campinella have all listened to the subtle wooing of Mexican operators and Puerto Rican basebell interests and played in those countries in past seasons, causing all manner of confusion and dismay in organized Negro baseball. But one by one, they have returned to the States and to the teams to which they belonged. Their defection from the Negro and American and National Leagues had been based on a question of money. The leagues in the states are evidently meeting their terms and these players are back.

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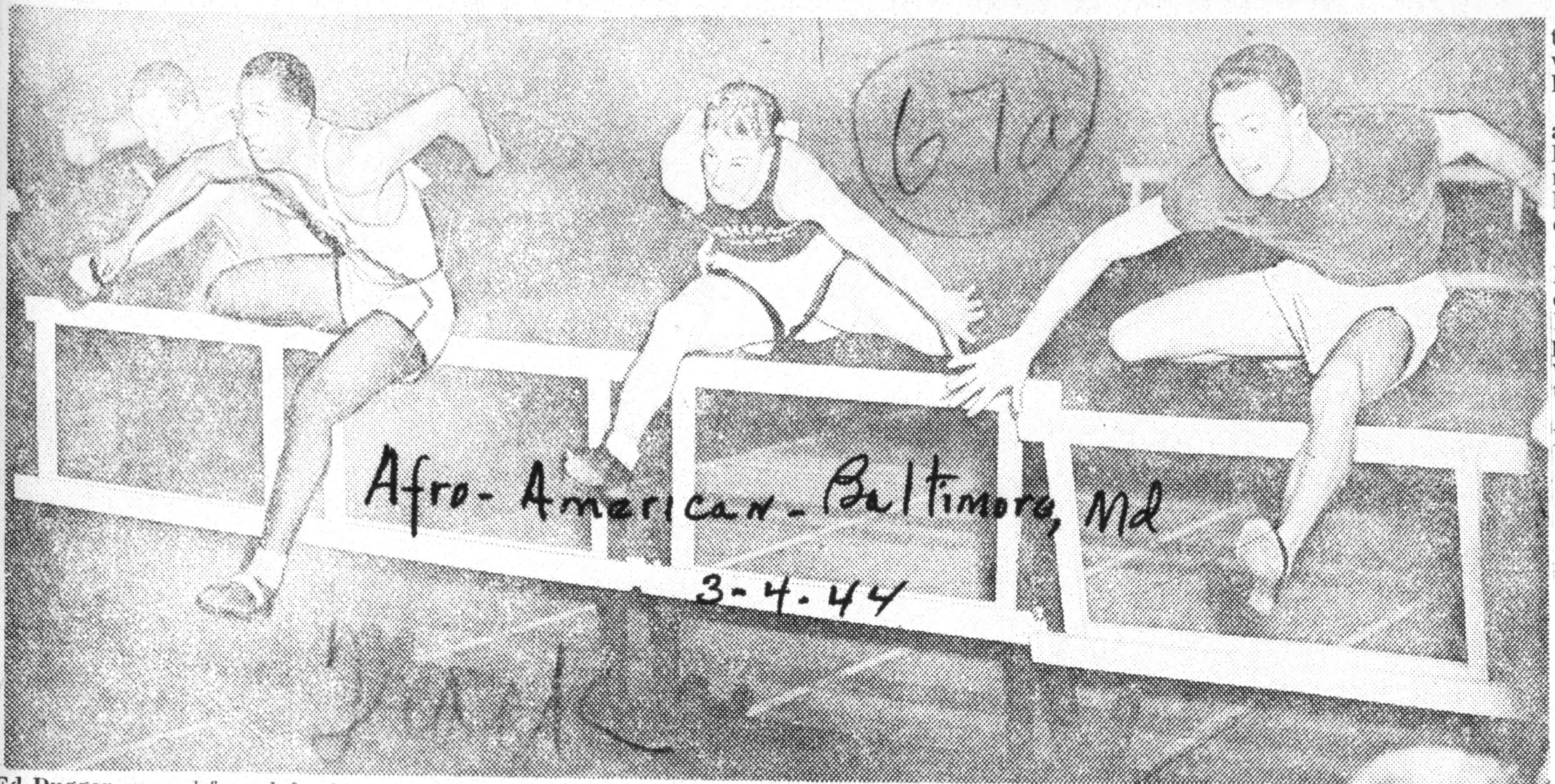
Track

On Way to First of Two National AAU Hurdles Titles



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Ed Dugger, second from left, skims the final fence en route to the 60-yard high hurdles championship, the first of two timber-topping crowns he won in the National AAU games in Madison Square Garden last Saturday night. The former Tufts star's time of 7.5 seconds was one-tenth of a second off the world indoor mark. He later captured the low-hurdles title. Following him across the line were Donn Kinzle, Duke (right), Ray Ramsey, Columbia, and Tom Todd, Virginia (left), in that order.

Colored Boys Brilliant in Winning 6 AAU Titles

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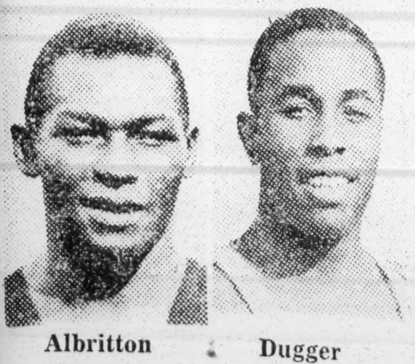
By SAM LACY

AFRO Sports Editor

NEW YORK — Colored athletes won five titles, tied for a sixth, contributed in the acquisition of a seventh, and barely missed an eighth in the National AAU track and field championships held before a crowd of 14,000 at Madison Square Garden here Saturday.

Ed Dugger, former Tufts (timber) star, scored the only double of the meet capturing the 60-yard high hurdles during the evening's first-run events and returning later to storm to a brilliant triumph in the 60-yard rush over the low bars.



Albritton

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Other firsts went to Eddie Conwell, NYU sprint ace; Barney Ewell in the broad jump and Dave Albritton, who tied with Bill Vessie to share the high jump title.

The fifth individual winner and, perhaps the most unexpected of the lot, was the smashing effort of Billy Mathis, a newcomer to the major meets from Washington, D.C. Mathis, running in the Purple and White of Cardozo High School, grabbed the 60-yard interscholastic dash feature in the sparkling time of 6.5 seconds, one-tenth of a second off the record for the event.

Conwell in Third Win

Conwell annexed the 60-yard senior sprint to establish a clear superiority over the East's "big four" in 1944's important competitions. By taking the event in the record-equaling time of 6.1 seconds, Conwell scored his third victory in five attempts and continued the shut out of Ewell and Eulace Peacock who, along with Herb Thompson, NYAC games winner, are his chief rivals for speed honors in this section.

Conwell's clocking matched the world indoor record set by Ben Johnson six years ago, and since tied by Ewell, Thompson and Perrin Walker, white. 3-4-44

It was also Conwell's stirring anchor run that gave the Violets the sprint-medley relay championship over Columbia University in 2:00.4.

Ewell, the only defending champion of the group, bettered the 23 feet, 8 inches with which he won the event last year, by 10 inches to capture the broad jump crown. He beat Herbie Douglas, of Pittsburgh, and Peacock in doing it.

Albritton Ties High Jump

Albritton's return to the high-jumping wars displaced Camp Holabird's Sgt. Joshua Williamson, who tied for the title last year, but his effort, like that of his predecessor, was only good enough to stalemate Bill Vessie, white, of Dartmouth. Both cleared the horizontal at 6 feet, 6 inches. Williamson tied with Sgt. Don Barksdale, of Camp Lee, for third.

A false start and a jammed starter's gun collaborated to deprive colored competitors of a possible eight championship when Bob Ufer, white, of Michigan, stole a three-yard break on the field to grab the 600-yard race.

Ufer broke ahead of Starter Nate Cartmell's gun-bark, leaving Herb McKenley and Jimmie Herbert, literally tied to their blocks and went on to win handily. Cartmell declared later that he tried to fire a recall charge but the pistol would not go off.

Roxborough in "Near Miss"

McKenley, the Boston College star who chased Herbert across the finish line over these same boards a week ago, was second to Ufer. Herbert was third.

Although the winner hit the tape 15 yards ahead of his rivals and set a mark of 1:11.3, which was not allowed, common belief was that either of the two sepia aces, or both, may have nipped him had the start been more equal. The time, which would have been a new meet record, was disallowed because of the bad start. 3-4-44

Still another "near miss" was recorded in the 1,000-yard trek when Johnny Roxborough, bespectacled University of Michigan middle-distance star, just failed to last long enough to withstand the final surge of Les Eisenhart, white, of Columbus, Ohio.

Roxborough apparently fell victim to the "dark-horse" enigma that pops up occasionally in all sports competitions. He succeeded in timing himself perfectly for the defeat of John Fulton and Joe Nowicki, both white, who were generally regarded as "sure things" for the one-two finish. The stretch charge of Eisenhart, therefore, was as much a surprise to him as it was to the rest of the field.

D.C. Boy Upsets Favorite

The victory of Mathis in the inter-scholastic division was another stunning upset. Virtually unknown, the capital city youngsters, stepped to a sparkling triumph over the heavy favorite, Tommy Bartzes, white, of George Washington High School, and he did it with consummate ease.

In fact, expert opinion agreed that had Mathis been pressed he would have probably tied the scholastic mark of 6.4 seconds.

Mathis, who is 16 years old and a junior at Cardozo, had previously competed in only one important meet in the area. At Villanova last year, he was unplaced in two events. 3-4-44

On the other side of the upset ledger, however, was the defeat of Courtland Ellis, the New England inter-scholastic hurdles champion. The Boston English star fell victim to Dan Ray, white, of Trenton (N.J.) Central High School.

Kenneth Odom, of Overbrook High, cleared the bar at 6 feet, 1 inch to tie for second in the scholastic high jump. He was deadlocked with Walt Baptista, white, of Hope, and both were beaten by Plainfield's Jack Moody, also white.

National AAU Track Champs at a Glance

NEW YORK — Four colored boys who captured five 1944 AAU track and field titles and one who tied for a sixth at Madison Square Garden Saturday are shown here at a glance:

ED DUGGER—60-yard high hurdles.

ED DUGGER — 60-yard low hurdles.

ED CONWELL—60-yard dash (senior).

BARNEY EWELL — broad jump.

DAVE ALBRITTON — high jump (tied).

BILLY MATHIS — 60-yard dash (interscholastic).

Recognition Long Past Due 60-yd. Dash Titlist

Tribune - Washington, D.C.

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Seventeen year old William Mathis led the local scholastic contingent of tracksters journeying to New York City last week for the National AAU open track meet. South Atlantic 100 and 220 yard dash champion Mathis is a junior at Cardozo High.

This youngster who startled the track world by flashing to the national championship in the 60 yard dash at Madison Square Garden on Saturday, February 26, first showed promise as a classy sprinter during the track season of 1943. It was this year that he captured the city 100 yard dash title and the South Atlantic 100 and 200 yard dash championships. However, he lingered in the shadow of the immortal Eugene "Pickles" Wright who hogged all of the headlines.

The army stepped in and beckoned to "Pickles" leaving "Little Speed" to carry on in the sprints.

He made a perfect start at carrying on Saturday at Madison Square Garden when he defeated a field of 107 competitors from ninety different high schools and won the National Interscholastic Indoor Championship in the fast time of 6.5 seconds. This feat as far as it can be determined is the first individual title ever won by a District of Columbia High School athlete. Also, it marks the second successive year that an athlete from a school in the South Atlantic High School Athletic Conference has won this title. Stanley Beckett of Douglass High in Baltimore won it in 1943.

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"Speed" Mathis is an excellent competitor. He is exceptionally cool under pressure and has an indomitable will to win. The stiffer the competition, the better he seems to run. General opinion at the Garden Saturday, was that if he had been pushed, he would have tied or broken the record of 6.4 for the sixty yards. As it was, he was only one-tenth of a second under record time. The only other athlete in the high school competition who came near tying or breaking a record was Jack Moody of Plainsfield High School who missed the high jump record of 6 feet 2⅞ inches by ⅞ of an inch.

BEHIND THE PLAY

Tribune — Philadelphia, Pa.

By DON DELEIGHBUR

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RUNNERS HAVE SPEED TO BURN

By DON DE LEIGHBUR

NEW YORK—Speed to burn! the Negro athlete in the world of track since those early days of Howard P. Drew, Fritz Pollard, Sr., Jimmy Ravanell and "Bunk" Jones. Today they're asking who can run the "dream mile" of 4 minutes, Around 1912 they were trying to run the 100 yard dash in 9 seconds. They're still talking about it and trying to do it, as they are in the case of the mile.

It took Drew to run the century in 9.4 seconds, to be followed by a long lint of distinguished colored runners who constantly strive to achieve through consistent effort the goal first set when some ambitious publicity man started "fumbling around" with the idea that somewhere somebody might be able to run the 100 yard dash in 9 seconds. That's how the phrase, "World's Fastest Human," came into being and which was taken over for a long time by the late Charley Paddock.

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Meeting the challenge of **Archie Hahn and other great white sprinters** including Jackson V. Scholz, Negroes produced Pete White, Percy Verwayne, and others. They were followed by Eddie Tolan, Ralph Metcalfe, Eulace Peacock, Jesse Owens, and Ben Johnson who made things more than warm for such outstanding white sprinters as Frank Wykoff, Emmett Toppino and Perrin Walker.

Today's crop of Negro sprint marvels includes the "human bullets," Herb Thompson of Jersey City and the U. S. Coast Guard; Ed Conwell, the stocky New York University flier; Claude Young, the new sensation at the University of Illinois; Norwood H. (Barney) Ewell, formerly of Penn State, but now of Camp Lee, Va., and Herb Douglas one time Xavier University, New Orleans, runner.

Ewell led the present contingent upon the track scene as he won the I-C4A sprints, three years in a row and then won both dashes and the broad jump in his final year of IC-4A competition to become the first modern triple winner on that venerable program. However, Ewell had his hands full with Bill Carter of Pittsburgh, and all, including Ewell, Carter, and others, got what they were looking for when they tied up with the sensational Hal Davis, former Salinas Junior College flash from California, one of the fastest white runners of all time.

But the emphasis has been shifted from the sprints as it existed in the early and late twenties to the classic mile run. **An ambitious publicity man,** (probably the immediate descendent of the one who played around with the 100-in-less-than-9- second idea) **spread the propaganda that the mile could be run in 4 minutes.**

This writer or oracle, whatever you want to call him, was probably mixed up in a sinister plot, as usually comes about when Negroes threaten to dominate something, which called for an immediate de-emphasis of the events in which these black auxiliaries excelled, to avoid loss of racial face. That's why, it may be assumed that today at all the big track meets, indoors and out, the sprints come first or very early on the program while the mile is usually put in the feature spot.

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All this winter at Madison Square Garden, where to date the Millrose games, the New York A. C. Games and the National AAU Championships have been run off, the 60 yard dash has been near the start of the program so that those who come to the arens around 9 or 9:30 find that the sprints have been concluded—that is, the exciting heats and semi-finals. It's something that is just on the program, maybe because only two or three white runners have the class and possibilities to win amid a field composed of Thompson, Ewell, Conwell, Peacock Homer Gillis of the Coast Guard, Ralph D. King of Boston College, Douglas, and other **Negro aces who turn up. Thus, the indoor sprints have been consistently over the last two or three years practically all-Negro affairs.**

But the speed to burn with which Negro runners can be characterized **is also applicable to other distances** When Glenn Cunningham, Fenske, Gene Venske, Jim Rafferty, and others were the big smoke in the distance runs, and all the publicity mile were grinding out copy about their dominance of such events as the 1,000 yards, the mile and the two mile, up popped the late John Borican to run Cunningham into the ground for the 1,000 yard title.

Last year young Frank Dixon, III, came out of New York University to grab the Hunter Mile at the Boston A.A. Games the national AAU mile chammpionship, and the K. of C. Columbian Mile, running into the ground such celebrated milers as Parson Gil Dodds, Earle F. Mitchell of Indiana, Don Burnham of Dartmouth, and others. To show that he was no fluke, Dixon did 4:9.6 twice to win turning in that superb performance in the AAU mile and in the Columbian event.

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There was immediate talk about de-emphasizing the mile and placing the stress on the two and three miles which were thus far, safely on the side of the whites. However, Dixon was just as big a threat in the three miles as in the mile, since at James Monroe High School in the Bronx he had for three years been cross-country champion and had won that event in the AAU junior championship meet at Philadelphia. The Army happily, stepped in to snatch Dixon from the picture, thus saving the mile for a while for the white boys and eliminating much embarrassment for Parson Dodds and Co., who it might be remembered, refused to shake hands with Dixon after the later beat him at Boston, or so it was reported.

Negroes have exhibited this same speed to burn at every distance of running they elected to try. Ted Meredith, white, was the greatest of all quartermilers in another era, until Dr. H. Binga Dismond came along at the University of Chicago and ran that phenomenal Big Ten title winning 47.4, a record, which by the way, has stood since 1916 in the Big Ten Conference, And there was the late John B. Taylor at Pennsylvania, who gave 'em all they could handle back in those early years.

When the word went around that whites were moving the emphasis from the 100 and 220 to the 440 yard run, Archie Williams sprung up in California, went on to set a world record for the distance. He was followed by a block of better than good quarter milers including Bill Exum at Wisconsin, Jimmy Herbert at New York University, and Johnny Woodruff at Pittsburgh.

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A move was immediately started to switch to the 880 yard run, and Woodruff made things too uncomfortable at that distance, with the aid of Phil Edwards and the Borican so the mile was established as the classic distance. To make it more emphatic, they reached 'way over into Swedent and produced Gundar Hagg and his buddy, Anderssen to lock the door more securely to intruders of other racial stocks.

Negroes are still concerned with running the 60 yard dash in less than 6 seconds, the 100 in 9 seconds and the 220 in 20 seconds flat. They are still interested in lowering the 440 record, the 500 and the 600 yard marks, the latter of which Herbert has dominated pretty completely. When the time comes, a new miler, a new Frank Dixon will come forth and will be prepared to chanllenge white supremacy at this classic distance because Negro runners have one thing and that is what counts—Speed To Burn!

Negroes Star In Inter-Allied Meet In Italy

Daily World Atlanta, Ga.

WITH THE ALLIED ARMIES IN ITALY—(ANP)—The inter-alled track and field meet for this base section took place Sunday. There were some 200 athletes from the allied armies and Navy who battled for first places in San Phillips stadium. This group of men represented a cross-section of some of the best runners, jumpers and throwers in the world.

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Buddy Young To Practice With Illini

Daily World — Atlanta, Ga.

7-27-44

By EDDIE T. JONES
Courier Sports Editor

CHAMPAIGN, Ill.— (SNS) — Claude Keystone "Buddy" Young, outstanding college sprinter produced this year, may be shouldering a gun when the Illini open their football campaign against Normal university here Sept, 16, but just in case medicos at the Chicago induction center reject him when he reports for his physical examination, he wants to be in condition to carry the ball for the U. of I.

So, the Phillips Flyer will make his first appearance in Illinois football togs this week and will work with the squad of 80-odd young men who are grooming for the 1944 season. Buddy and Bob Kelly, Illinois superb 440-880 performer and captain this year, were in Fort Erie Ont., Saturday for an invitational meet. They are to arrive in Champaign today and Buddy plans to check out equipment on Monday

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Young, aided by his dazzling speed, was the de Correvont, and the Griffin and the Baranoswki of prep football in the Windy City last fall combined with his blinding springs is the ability, say the experts is cut, give it the zig when a would-be tackle zags and vice versa. His works on defense was acceptable .How he will fare in the Western conference is an item that can be reported later, but his speed, welded to Illinois' T formation, should rank him with the most dangerous runners in the nation.

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Morgan Boy, Unknown 2 Months Ago, Wins 2 National AAU Championships

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By SAM LACY

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NEW YORK—It took Elmore (Pepper) Harris, sparkling Morgan State College (Baltimore) athlete, to succeed where the more celebrated figures in the star-studded National AAU track meet had failed, here at Randalls Island on Sunday.

Harris, a virtual unknown in the world of spikes and cinders until two months ago, walked off with the only double championship of the games, thereby outstripping such widely trumpeted luminaries as Buddy Young, Ed Conwell, Bill Hulse, Jim Rafferty and the likes.

The slight 20-year-old speedster captured the 400-meter run, defeating Boston College's Herb McKenley and Colgate's Jim McGuire (white) in the highly respectable time of 48 seconds flat. Harris took the track from the gunbark, opened up a 12-yard advantage and won with speed in reserve. At the tape he was eased up, 3 yards ahead of McKenley.

Beats Cassidy

An hour later, the Morganite, running in the colors of the Shore A.C., made famous by the late John Borican, set all of his own pace to cop the 200-meter low hurdles.

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He was clocked in 24.1 seconds and beat Howard Shannon of Lowry Field, Colo., the favored Owen Cassidy of the NYAC, and the highly touted Ed Petorello, Rhode Island State College, all white. Deotis Taylor, Jersey City Department of Recreation, was sixth in this event after having run second in his heat to Shannon.

The long-awaited duel between Claude (Buddy) Young, University of Illinois, and Ed Conwell, NYU, finally came to pass in the 100-meter championship and resulted in a triumph for the former. Conwell, incidentally, was shut out of a national title when, after bowing to Young, he was nipped by Charley Parker (white), Texas school boy, in the 200-meter finals.

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In the earlier race, the stadium spectators were witnesses to the unprecedented spectacle of an all-colored final heat.

Kelley Comes from Behind

Lined up at the starting line were Barney Ewell, Camp Lee, Va.; Herb Douglas, Pittsburgh; Bill Mathis, Cardozo High School, Washington, D.C.; Herb Thompson, N.Y. Coast Guard; Young and Conwell.

Conwell was out of his blocks first but was passed by Young at the midway mark, the latter breaking the tape two feet in front of the Easterner. Ewell was third, Thompson fourth and Mathis fifth.

Sharing the limelight with Harris and Young was Bob Kelley, captain and teammate of the latter. Kelley knocked off a sizzling pace in the stretch of the 800-meter run to humble Bill Hulse (white), defending champion from the NYAC, and Johnny Fulton (white), widely publicized middle distance star from the Los Angeles Olympic Club.

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Spoils Hulse's Hopes

Hulse, who had announced to the press that he was seeking a double in this year's games, engaged in an early battle with Fulton, with Kelley out of the picture for the first 600 yards of the race. Rounding the final bend, however, the Illinois star shot from fifth place to the lead by midstretch and was on top by 7 yards when the wire was reached. Ed Guice, Prairie View State College, wound up fifth in the test.

Others to do well in the titular games were Bill Watson, former Big Ten standout, now a member of the Detroit police force, second in the 16-pound shot put; Dave Albritton, former Ohio State star, who tied for third in the high jump; Josh Williamson, of Holabird Signal Depot, and Don Barksdale, of Camp Lee, fifth and sixth in the high jump.

Homer Gillis and Eulace Peacock, of the Coast Guard, were third and fifth in the broad jump with Barney Ewell fourth. Hubert Gates, of Langley Field, Va., was a surprise third in the 400-meter hurdles after having qualified for the finals with a winning performance in his heat.

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Clifford Goldstein of the N.Y. Pioneer Club was fifth as the field finished the 5,000-meter run, won by Jim Rafferty (white) of the NYAC.

Tuskegee Girls Win Nat'l AAU Track and Field Championships in Landslide

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By SAM LACY

AFRO Sports Editor

HARRISBURG, Pa. — Girl athletes of Tuskegee Institute, aided by the world record-equalling 50-meter performance of comely Alice Coachman, won their seventh title in eight years at the Women's National track and field championships, here at Fager Field, Saturday.

The Alabama Tigerettes amassed the run-away total of 107½ points to capture the team trophy, more than doubling the score run up by the second place Moose Club of Philadelphia. The latter counted 50 points as runner-up.

Other team scores were: Canadian Laurel Ladies' Club 30, Harrisburg AAA 25, German-American Club of Brooklyn 16½, and Forrestville Park Association, Chicago, 12.

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Individual honors went to Miss Stella Walsh, Polish-American veteran, who barely edged Miss Alice Coachman, Tuskegee star, in the final tabulation. Miss Walsh netted 30 points as against 28 totalled by Miss Coachman, and the competition between these two was just as close as the score indicates.

Tuskegee Again

Miss Hattie Turner, field events star and teammate of Miss Coachman, took down third prize in the individual high-point competition. Her card showed 24 points.

Miss Walsh, odds-on favorite to cop the individual title, was forced to her greatest single day of triumphs in order to nose out the brilliant Miss Coachman. Although she had done better in out-of-meet competition, the Polish-American flyer was compelled to better her AAU time to win the 200-meter dash and it was not until her final leap of the day that her broad-jump title was made secure.

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Incidentally, it appeared to be a sort of unspoken connivance between Miss Coachman and a teammate, Miss Rowena Harrison, that pressed the former Olympics champion up to the day's closing event before she was able to claim the high-point honors.

For it was Miss Harrison, a cadet nurse at Tuskegee and captain of the team, who pushed Miss Walsh into her new mark in the 200 meters, and it was the same Miss Harrison that set the broad-jump standard of 17 feet 7 inches for her to beat.

Equals World Record

As for Miss Coachman, she captured the 50-meter dash crown in 6.4 seconds, equalling the world record for the distance; won the high jump with a leap of 5 feet 1⅝ inches, and finished second in the 100-meter dash, beaten the width of a monkey's hair by Miss Walsh.

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Tremendous interest was shown in this race as it was the only meeting of the day between Miss Coachman and Miss Walsh, and the two had clashed the previous year at Cleveland with the white girl again barely shading the Tuskegee sprinter.

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ALICE COACHMAN

At the gunbark, Miss Lillian Young, of Chicago, was first off the mark. The comely Windy Cityan set the pace for a third of the distance and gave way to the flying Miss Coachman. The latter led the field to within six strides of the tape when Miss Walsh pulled up alongside her.

At the climactic moment, Miss Walsh moved to the fore to win by an expanded chest, with Miss Jean Lowe, only colored member of the Canadian Laurels, outfinishing Miss Kay Geary, white, of Philadelphia for third. 7-15-44

Miss Young chased Miss Elizabeth Peel, white Moose runner, across the line behind the first four.

Miss Lowe and Miss Young finished in that order behind Miss Coachman in the 50-meter event. The former also ran a brilliant anchor leg to stave off the sensational closing rush of Miss Harrison and give the Canadian quartet the 400-meter relay title over Tuskegee.

The Tigerettes, handicapped by a slow-start, fought courageously but vainly, in the final stages.

The third place point winner, Miss Turner, scored in the discus throw and in the baseball throw, heaving 101 feet 7¾ inches in the former and 214 feet 6 inches in the latter. She was also fourth in the javelin.

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The 80-meter hurdles title went to Miss Lillie Purifoy, of Tuskegee, for the second time in the last three years. Miss Jean Walraven, white, of Cleveland, was second and Miss Lelia Perry, also of Tuskegee, finished third. The winner's time was 12.8 seconds.

Other colored point winners during the afternoon were Miss Nellie Stafford, Tuskegee, tied for third in the high jump; Miss Cleo Davis, Tuskegee, third in shot-put; Miss Gwendolyn Taylor, of this city, fifth in the 200; Miss Nell Jackson, Tuskegee, sixth in the 200, and Miss Harriet Mitchell, also of this city, second in baseball throw.

Camp Lee Wins SAA Meet, Morgan Second

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6-10-44

By F. W. PHILLIPS

BALTIMORE

Athletes from Camp Lee, Va., and Morgan State College took first and second places respectively in the South Atlantic Association track and field championships held Saturday at Homewood Field in conjunction with the Md. State Guard meet.

Camp Lee's seven men under the supervision of Lt. John F. Thomas garnered 38 points to take first place and Morgan tallied 23 points for second place. The Stonewall Democratic Club, white, was third with 12 points and soldier-athletes from the Holabird Signal Depot were one point behind to take fourth place.

Pvt. Barney Ewell, former Penn State star, set the pace for the Camp Lee team, winning first place in the broad jump at 22 feet 3¼ inches and then running the 100-yard dash in 9.6 seconds to set a new record.

Elmore Harris, Morgan luminary, won the 440-yard dash with ease and then set a new record for the 220-yard dash with 21.3 seconds, defeating Ewell.

Napoleon Lewis also of Morgan made one qualifying throw of 113 feet 1 inch to win the discus throw event.

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Cpl. Bill Rainey, former Kentucky State star, helped swell the Camp Lee total by taking first place in the 120-yard high hurdles and then returning to take first place in the 220-yard low hurdles,

Sgt. Donald Barksdale of Lee, took first place in the shotput with a heave of 41 feet, 8½ inches. Pvt. Joshua Williamson of Holabird was a close second.

Barksdale and Williamson gave the 100-odd spectators a real show when they tied at the 6-feet-five-and-three-quarter-inch mark on the high jump. Barksdale, former UCLA star, won the Penn Relay high jump last month.

Harry Gross of Douglass High School, placed second in the mile to Jim Wisner of the Stonewall team.

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In the Maryland State Guard division, Pvt. Maurice Horsey of the 11th Battalion won the 100-yd. dash in 11.6 seconds. His team won fourth place with 6 points.

Buddy Young Still Winning

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Buddy Young, University of Illinois freshman, extreme left, is caught by the camera as he hits the finish line to win the National AAU 100-meter crown at Randalls Island, N.Y., Sunday. Ed Conwell, NYU dash star, and Barney Ewell, former champion, now running for the Camp-

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"Harris a Natural"—Young

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NEW YORK.—Claude (Buddy) Young, himself no slouch as a runner, calls Elmore (Pepper) Harris, brilliant young Morgan State College freshman, "a real natural." Asked to appraise Harris following the latter's double score in the National AAU track and field championships at Randall's Island, Sunday, the University of Illinois star said, "That guy's a real natural! He's great! What I like most about him," Buddy continued, "is that he runs with such little apparent effort. There's really no telling how fast he is, since he hasn't honestly been put to pressure as yet." Asked if he thought he could have beaten the Morgan lad in the 200-meter hurdles had he been entered, Young said, "I'm not sure, but I'd have run away from Parker (Charley Parker, the white Texas schoolboy flash) if they'd have let me run in the 200."—SAM LACY.

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Buddy Young

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400 Meter Hurdles in Penn Relays' To Morgan Athlete'

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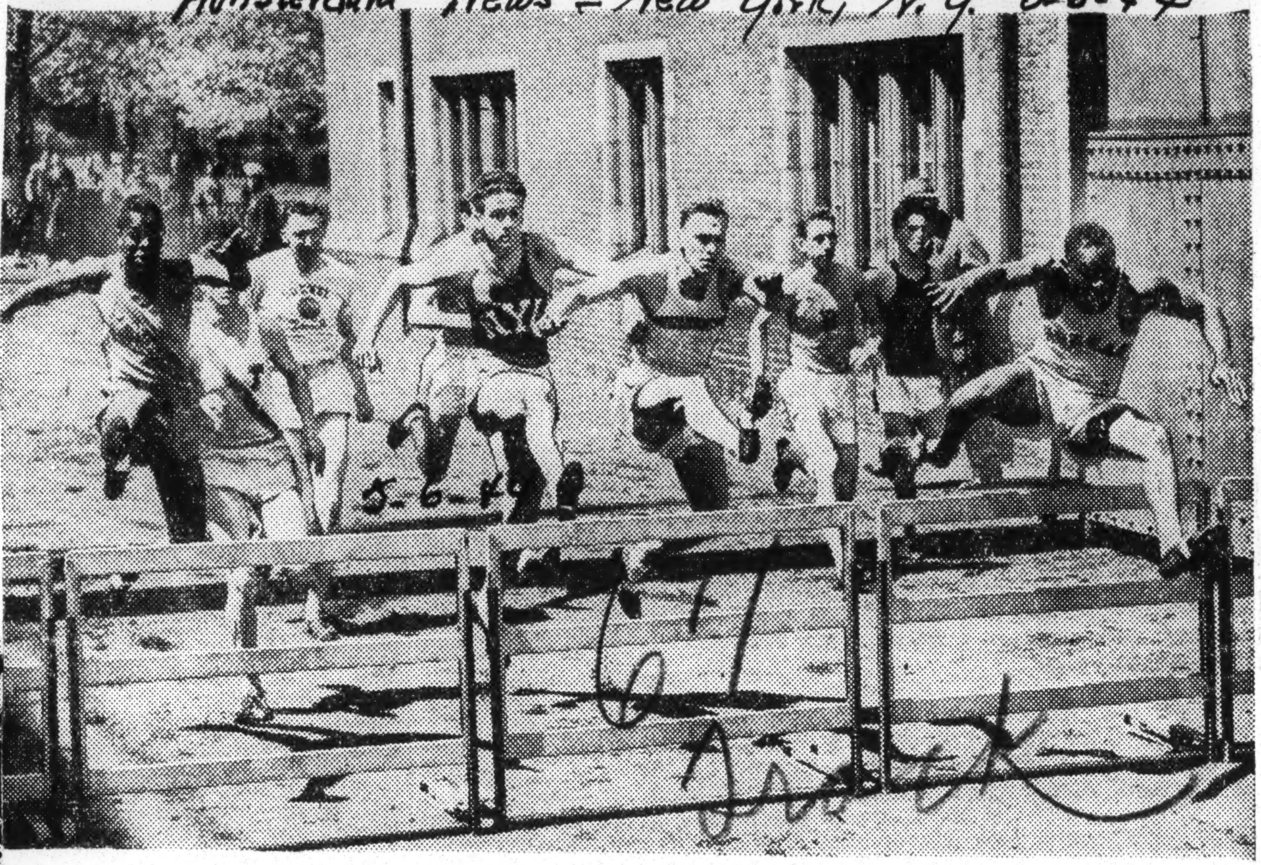

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Elmore Harris, of Morgan State College, bolted to the lead with the gun and held off the desperate challenge of Ed Palmieri of Tufts, to win the 400 meter hurdle final at the 50th Penn Relays at Franklin Field Friday in Philadelphia. Left to right, Hubert Gates, Langley Field, Va.; No. 8 who came in fourth; Palmieri, No. 15, who placed second; Dave Drummond of Drexel, No. 19; William Stickler of Columbia, No 18; David Seltzer of NYU, No. 13; Bernard Conor of West Point came in third. Harris, No. 14, the winner; Bob Leder of Brooklyn College, No. 9, and Morton Kunstler of Brooklyn College, No. 10. Harris' time was 56.1. (INS Photo.)

Buddy Young, Harris Win National Collegiate Dashes And Quarter-Mile

Defender — Chicago, Ill.

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By FAY YOUNG

MILWAUKEE, Wis. — Claude "Buddy" Young was high point man, 28, in the twenty-third annual National Collegiate track and field championships here Saturday night in the Marquette university stadium. The former Chicago Wendell Phillips high school track and grid star, romped home first in the final of the 100-yard dash. He won the 220 dash and was second in the broad jump.

Since there were only six entries there were trials in the century in the afternoon. Ed Conwell, New York university, was disqualified for making two false starts in an effort to get off his mark with the gun. That left the much-desired to see battle between Young and the winner of the Penn relays century out of the question. Young won the Drake relays hundred. Both times were 9.7 seconds. Young's winning time Saturday night was 9.7 seconds on a track slowed up by the heavy rains of Friday.

Tyler Wins Broad Jump

Young came from off the jumping pit to run in the century and then went back. He was second in that event to Ralph Tyler, Ohio State's Negro track captain. Tyler's winning jump was 23 feet, 4½ inches. Young's second place best jump was 23 feet, 3-8 inches. In the qualifying of the afternoon, Tyler did 23 feet, 3 and 7-8 while Young did 22 feet, 8 inches on his first try but qualified at 22 feet, 9½ inches.

Young was out in front by a good six yards at the finish of the 220-yard dash, thus giving the NYU ace, Conwell, a sound beating in this event. Conwell faded after the first 100 yards and on the second turn Young came on to even up with the other five runners in the straightaway to the tape. He was six yards in front with 50 to go and maintained that lead. His winning time was 21.6 seconds.

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Coach Leo Johnson, having the meet cinched, scratched in the finals of the 220-yard dash.

Harris A Surprise

Elmore Harris, Morgan State college of Baltimore, took the 440-yard run which was a surprise to the crowd of 7,000. Dopesters had picked Bob Kelley, University of Illinois Negro captain, to take this event.

Harris, scratched by Coach Hurt in the 220-yard dash trials in the afternoon, grabbed the lead on the first turn and was never headed. Robert McKenley, Boston college runner from Jamaica, West Indies, moved up into second place on the back stretch. Kelley was running third. But when Kelley decided to challenge McKenley he made the effort at the wrong time as McKenley had moved out in an attempt to pass Harris which just wasn't to be done. Harris' time was 47.9 seconds with McKenley, second and Kelley, third.

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Harris came back to become double winner of the night and second in individual points to Buddy Young. Harris totaled 20 points. He won the 220-yard low hurdles with ease. The time was 23.9 seconds.

Half-mile to Kelley

Kelley took the half-mile in 1:55.1 and what a pretty race it was. On the back stretch he moved from third to second and right when it looked like he had gotten himself into a pocket, he swung wide and caught Bob Hume, white, one of the famous Hume twins of the University of Michigan. From then on it was Kelley although Bob never gave up his attempt to defeat the Illinois star who soon enters the army.

Now for a final tabulation of the Negro runners. Young had two firsts and one second; Harris two firsts, Tyler won the only event in which he was entered; McKenley second in the quarter-mile while Kelley was first in the 880 and third in the 440; six first places, two seconds and one third to sepia athletes.

In the qualifying 440, Harris was first in the second heat with McKenley second. Kelley was second in his heat. There were no semi-finals.

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In the qualifying 220, Young won his heat in 22.8 seconds. Conwell won the second heat in 22.6.

Harris and Young were both in the first heat in the 220-yard low hurdles. Harris was first in 23.9 seconds. Young was third.

Since there were six in the 100-yard dash, no trials were run.

Illinois won the meet with a total of 79 points. Notre Dame was second with 43 and Michigan third with 40. Ohio State was fourth with 23. Northwestern, Purdue and Morgan State's one-man team went into a triple tie for fifth place with 20 points. McKenley's second place in the 440 gave Boston college 8 points.

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They Compose Two Man Riot Squad On Illinois' Track Team

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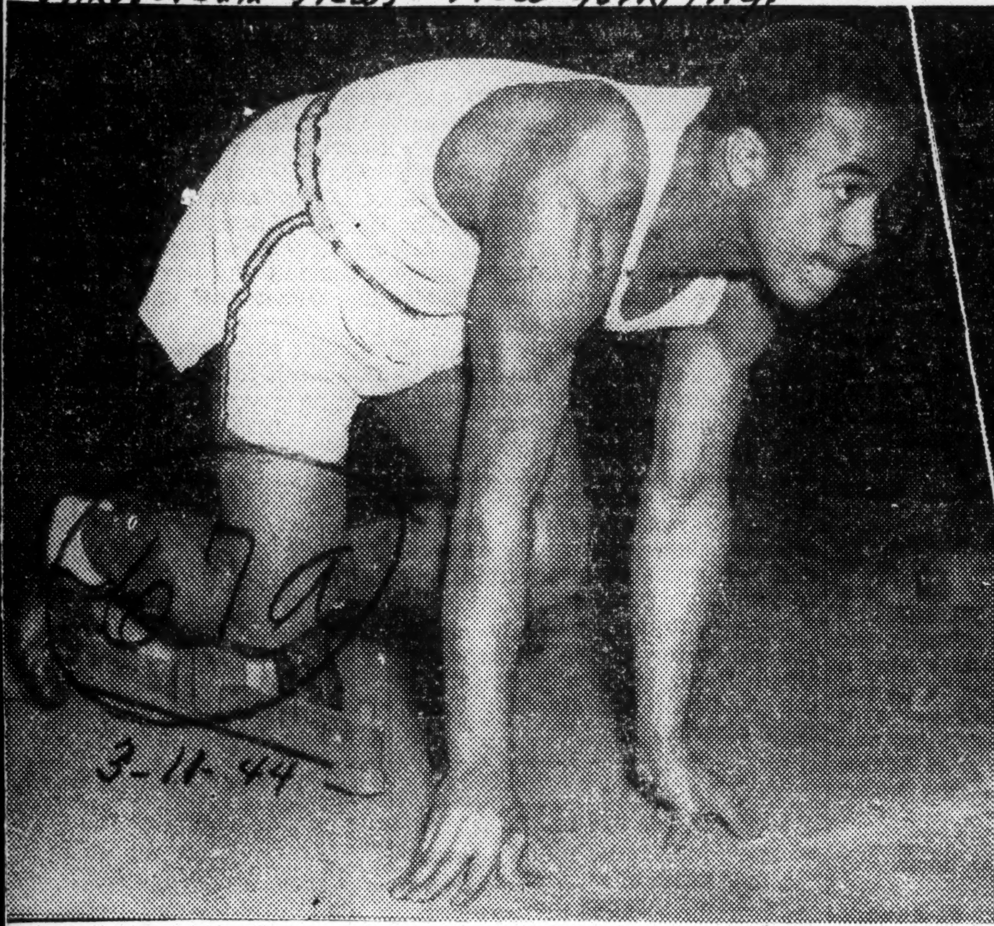
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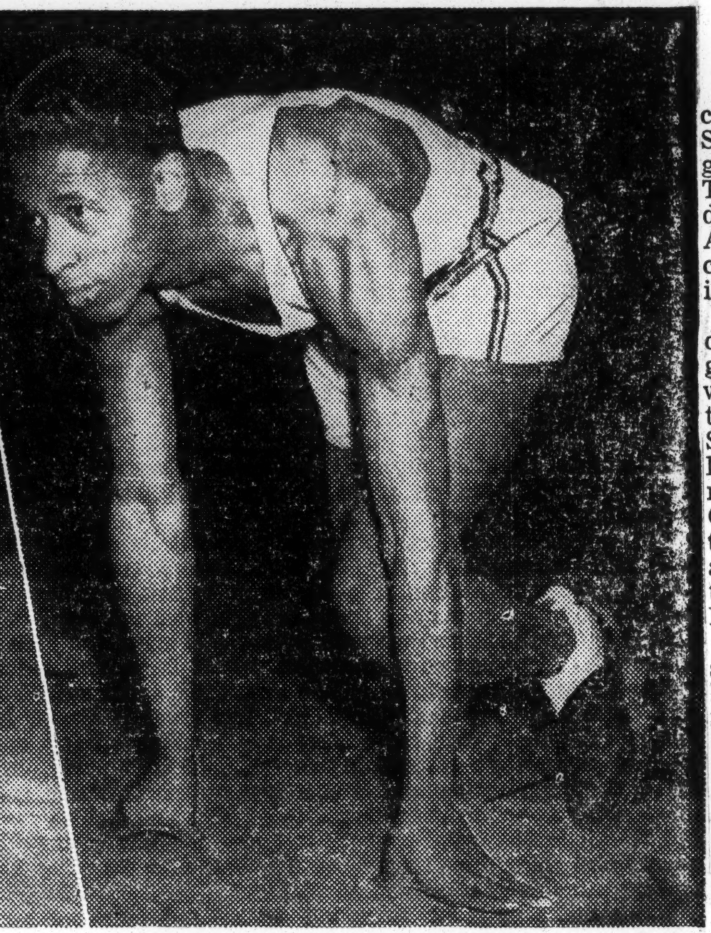
Claude (Buddy) Young, Ace Sprinter


Bob Kelley, Quartermiler

Claude Young Ran 60 Twice This Year In 6.1; Kelley Big Ten Champ

Amsterdam News – New York, N.Y.

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World's Fastest Man Seems Likely Rating For Chicago "Bullet"

CHAMPAIGN, Ill.—Versatile is the word for ~~Bob Kelley~~ of Springfield, sneior star of Coach Leo Johnson's 1944 track squad.

Perhaps that versatility keeps Kelley from ranking as one of the nation's best middle distance runners, since he's often called upon to run the 440-880-mile combination in an Illinois meet, as well as anchor the relay team. But, it's mighty handy when squads are as short on personnel as happens in this wartime year.

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Defending Champ

As it is, Bob has garnered a shelf full of trophies for the Iilini. He's defending Big Ten champion in the 440 and 880 outdoors and was named to the All-American track team last year as a quarter-miler. (Last Saturday Illinois lost its first dual meet of the season to Michigan, and Kelly lost both the 440 and the 880, to Bob Ufer and Ross Hume, respectively).

Kelley is a native of Springfield, Ill., where he attended Springfield high school and earned three letters in track for John Teuscher. He was a second-miler in high school and in 1938 as a junior finished second to Bob Rehberg, later an Illini teammate, in the state interscholastic meet. Rehberg's time was 1:58.7.

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In 1939 Kelley defeated Rehberg with a great finishing sprint in 1:59.6. Bob worked a year following graduation, then came to Illinois and took a job as a janitor to furnish money for his education.

His sophomore year was a good one. He and Rehberg now were teamed in the quarter and half-mile events and it wasn't unusual to see the two finish abreast. In the Big Ten indoor meet in 1942 Kelley qualified for both the 440 and the 880 and ran third in the quarter.

Bob Ufer of Michigan's winning time in that event was :48.2, better than the Conference and American indoor records. In the outdoor, Kelley was fourth in the 880.

The Springfield lad hit his peak as a junior. He gained revenge on Ufer, defeating him in an indoor dual meet in the Illinois Armory, turning the quarter-mile in :48.9, his fastest mark for the event. He finished third in the 440 in the Big Ten and second in the 880.

Took Both 440 and 880

In the outdoor meet, Kelley took titles in both the quarter and half, and anchored a victorious Illinois mile relay team. To these crowns he added a first in the 440 in the Central Collegiates and a second in the N. C. A. A. meet, finishing behind Cliff Bourland of Southern California, who negotiated the distance in :48.5.

Bob's flying feet and his stout heart got a stern test at the Millrose games this month, first competition for the Illinois in 1944. Anchoring the mile relay team, Kelley found himself 10 yards behind when the baton reached him for the final dash. Bob made up the distance and gave Illinois the event over Columbia by a step.

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Kelley is 23, married, and the father of a small son. He will complete his course in physical education this June, unless a call to service intervenes. Bob has been classified 1-A. His ambition is to become a coach, preferably of track and football, the latter a sport in which Kelley competed in high school.

BUDDY YOUNG PACES ILLINI TO 2nd PLACE

Bee – Chicago, Ill.

3-19-44

(ANP)—Claude "Buddy" Young, former Wendell Phillips, in the face of a tough Michigan track team Saturday night during the Western conference indoor track championship meet at the University of Chicago fieldhouse.

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While Michigan was galloping to its ninth indoor title in 11 years, Young, now an Illinois freshman, was grabbing individual scoring honors with 14 points. He won the 60 yard dash and the broad jump and placed second in the 70 yard low hurdles. Young won the 60 yard dash in 6.2, one-tenth of a second off the meet record, finishing two feet ahead of Julian Witherspoon of Michigan, Ranis Thomas, Young's former teammate at Wendell Phillips, was third.

Famous Sprinter Second Lieutenant In Army Air Corps

Call – Kansas City, Mo.

7-21-44

NEW ORLEANS, La. — (Special) — Ralph H. Metcalfe, 6159 South Michigan boulevard, Chicago, has been graduated from the Transportation Corps Officer Candidate school at the New Orleans Army Air Base, and has been commissioned a second lieutenant in the Army of the United States.

Lt. Metcalfe graduated from Tilden Technical high school, Chicago, and Marquette university, Milwaukee, Wis., and received his doctor's degree at the University of Southern California in Los Angeles. Prior to induction he was director of Negro activities for the Catholic service men's organization and was on leave of absence as track coach and a member of the faculty of Xavier university, New Orleans, La.

Lt. Metcalfe was one of the outstanding sprinters of his time. While in high school he held the national interscholastic record for the 100-yard dash. At Marquette he was the greatest sprinter ever to represent that institution and was a member of the United States Olympic team in 1932 at Los Angeles and in 1936 in Berlin.

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Did Century in 9.4

He ran a 9.5 seconds hundred in the Drake relays in 1932 to tie the record set by Locke of Nebraska in 1926 and again equaled by Jesse Owens in 1935. While Owens ran once at Drake, Metcalfe came with the Marquette track team for three years straight. He won the century at Drake again in 1933 and in 1934. His time for those years was 9.7 seconds. He was anchor man on the winning quarter-mile Marquette team at Drake in 1934 when the Milwaukee quartet did a 41.8 seconds for the event.

He was anchor man on the winning half-mile relay, each man running 220 yards, at Drake in 1932 and in 1933. The time in 1932 was 1:27.3 and in 19934 was 1:28.4.

Lt. Metcalfe has a 9.4 seconds record for the National Collegiate 100-yard dash made in 1933. This meet record is jointly held by George Simpson (Ohio State). He also holds the Marquette university stadium record of 9.5 seconds for the "hundred" made in 1932 and 1933.

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Lt. Metcalfe's 20.4 seconds National Collegiate 220-yard dash record still stnds. His 21.2 seconds (run on curve) is still the Marquette stadium record.

He was born in Atlanta, Ga., and came to Chicago at an early age with his parents.

In and out of the army he is a gentleman of the highest type.

Tuskegee Girls Again National Champions; Alice Coachman Equals World's Sprint Mark

Journal + Guide — Norfolk, Va.

7-15-44

HARRISBURG, Pa.—At the 21st Annual Women's National Track and Field Championships, held here at Fager Field, William Penn High School, today, the Tuskegee Institute crack team won scoring honors. The members of this sensational group of feminine field and cinderpath s rs from the world-famous Tuskegee Institute were led by th sparkling performance of Alice Coachman who equalled the wo d's record of 6.4 seconds in the 50 meter dash and annexed he sixth straight title in the high jump.

She was nosed out of first place in the home stretch of the 100 meter run by Stella Walsh, losing by less than a foot. In the individual points scored she was second only to Miss Walsh with 28 points.

Lillie Purifoy of Tuskegee won the 80 meter hurdles from the defending champion, Nancy Cowperthwaite, who tripped at the half-way mark.

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The Tuskegee competitors amassed 107 1/2 points for five first, four seconds, three thirds and one fourth place, ranking n all 11 events.

THE SUMMARIES:

50 METER DASH—Won by Alice Coachman, Tuskegee; Second, Lillian Young, Chicago; Third, Viola Myers, Lauriel Ladies' Club; Fourth, Betty Dummeldinger, Moose; Fifth, Doris Wright, Laurel Ladies' Club; Sixth, Eleanor Milhesier, German-American. Time: 6.4 seconds. (Equals World's Record).

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200 METERS — Won by Stella Walsh, Unattached; Second, Rowena Harrison, Tuskegee; Third, Mary Cummings, Laurel Ladies' Club Fourth, Jean Walraven, Cleveland burg Amateur Athletic Club; Sixth Nell Jackson, Tuskegee. Time 24.6 seconds. (New meet record)

80 METER HURDLES—Won by Lillie Purifoy, Tuskegee; Second, Jean Walraven, Cleveland; Third, Leila Perry, Tuskegee; Fourth Dolores McElduff, Philadelphia Moose. Time: 12.8 seconds.

SHOT PUT — Won by Dorothy Dodson, Chicago, 36 feet, 1/4 inches; Carolyn Yetter, Philadelphia Moose, 32 feet, 3 1/2 inches; Cleo Davis, Tuskegee, 32 feet, 2 1/2 inches; Pauline Ruppledt, Philadelphia Moose, 29 feet, 7 3/4 inches; Eleanor Repinski, Cleveland, 26 feet.

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100 METERS — Won by Stella Walsh, Unattached; Second, Alice Coachman, Tuskegee; Third, Jean Lowe, Laurel Ladies' Club; Fourth, Kay Geory, Philadelphia Turners; Fifth, Elizabeth Peel, Philadelphia Moose; Sixth, Lillian Young, Chicago. Time: 12 seconds.

JAVELIN THROW: Won by Dorothy Dodson, Chicago, 123 feet, 1 1/2 inches, Second, Lillian Davis Philadelphia Moose, 103 feet, 11 1/2 inches; Third, Marie Costar, Harrisburg Amateur Athletic Club 101 feet, 11 inches; Fourth Hattie Turner, Tuskegee, 101 feet, 8 3/4 inches; Fifth, Betty Wea, Bayonne New Jersey, 36 feet, 8 inches Sixth, Elizabeth Yetter, Philadelphia Moose, 85 feet, 35/100 in.

400 METER RELAY—Won by Laurel Ladies' Club of Toronto, Canada. (Nancy Mackay, Viola Myers Doris Wright, Jean Lowe); Second Tuskegee A Team; Third, German-American; Fourth, Philadelphia Moose; Fifth, Tuskegee B Team Sixth, Harrisburg A. A. A. Time 52.8 seconds.

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BASEBALL THROW — Won by Hattie Turner, Tuskegee, 214 feet 6 inches; Second, Harriett Mitchell, Harrisburg, 206 feet, 6 inches Third, Marie Sostar, Harrisburg 198 feet, 7 inches; Fourth, Lillian Craig, Harrisburg, 194 feet, 7 inches; Fifth, Lillian Davis, Philadelphia Moose, 198 feet, 11 inches.

DISCUS THROW—Won by Hattie Turner, Tuskegee, 101 feet, 7 3/4 inches; Second, Betty Weaver, Bayonne, New Jersey, 93 feet, 5 inches; Third, Pauline Ruppledt, Philadelphia Moose, 92 feet, 7 inches; Fourth, Mildred Yetter, Philadelphia Moose, 88 feet, 45/100 inches; Fifth, Varis Sostar, Harrisburg, 88 feet, 35/100 inches; Sixth, Dorothy Dodson, Chicago, 87 feet, 4 inches.

HIGH JUMP — Won by Alice Coachman, Tuskegee, 5 feet, 1 5/8 inches; Second, Nancy Cowperthwaite, German-American Club, 4 feet, 6 inches; Tie for third between Nellie Stafford, Tuskegee and Clara Schroth, Philadelphia Turners, 4 feet, 5 inches; Fifth, Tie between Leile Perry, Tuskegee and Edith Barber, German-American, 4 feet, 3 inches.

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ALICE COACHMAN
Tied World's Record . . .

BROAD JUMP — Won by Stella Walsh, Cleveland, 17 feet, 11 1/8 inches: Second Rowena Harrison, Tuskegee, Third, Kean Kaplan Chicago.

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TEAM SCORING

Tuskegee—107 1/2 Points
Philadelphia Moose—50 Points
Laurel Ladies' Club—30 Points
Harrisburg Amateur Athletic Association—29 Points
Geirman-American—16 1/2 Points
Forrestville, Chicago—12 Points
Turners, Philadelphia—9 Points
Relief Park, Chicago—6 Points

INDIVIDUAL SOORING

Stella Walsh, Cieveland—30 Pts.
Alice Coachman, Tuskegee—28 Pts
Hattie Turner, Tuskegee—24 Pts
Dorothy Dodson, Chicago—21 Pts

Real Rhythm

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Symmetry of motion was on display at Randalls Island, N.Y., last Sunday afternoon as Bob Kelley (shown above) of the University of Illinois ran around Bill Hulse and Johnny Fulton, both white, to cop the 800-meter National AAU crown. Kelley passed his two favored opponents midway of the stretch run to score handily.

Start of a Track "Double"

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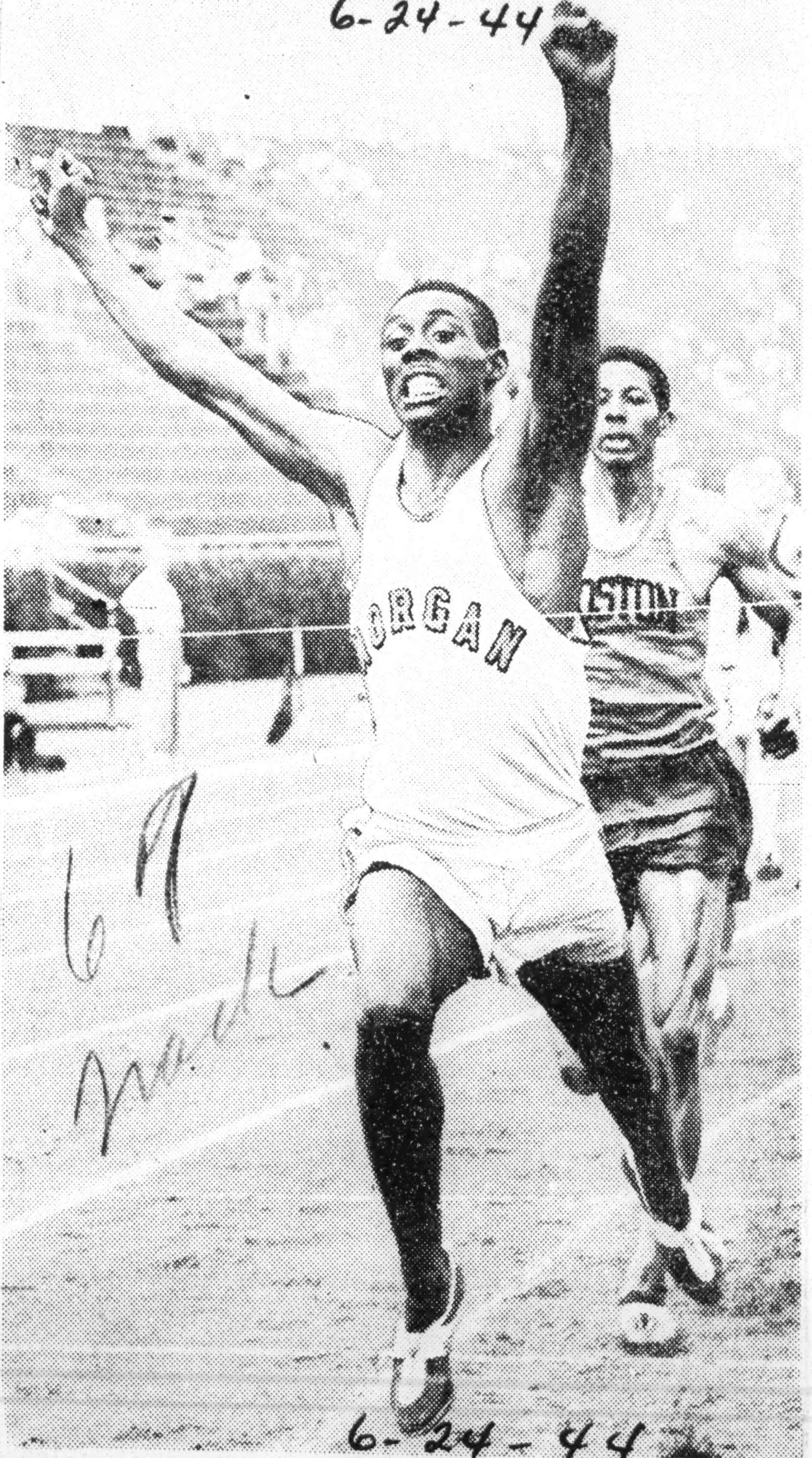

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Elmore Harris, Morgan State College freshman, breasts the tape to win the 400-meter run, first of two champoinships he won in the National AAU track and field games at Randall's Island, N.Y., Sunday. The other triumph was the 200-meter low hurdles.

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Track

Alabama Boy Dazzle AAU Meet, Hails From Normal

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HARRIS' DOUBLE IN AAU MEET TO MAKE HIM GARDEN LURE

BY GENE ROSWELL

If Elmore Harris, lone winner in yesterday's National AAU senior track and field championships at Randalls Island, is as speedy with a needle and thread as he is with a pair of spiked shoes, there isn't a tailor in the world who can match stitches with him.

Harris, a wiry 21-year-old Negro who romped off with impressive triumphs in the 400-meter run and 200-meter low-hurdle tests, is all set to abandon his college career at Morgan State College, Baltimore, take a tailoring job in Lon Beach, N. J., home of the Shore A. C., which he represented yesterday.

A native of Normal, Ala., where he startled schoolboy ranks two years ago with 9.8 clocking in the 100-yard dash and 48 seconds for the quarter-mile, Harris' presence so close to New York means the local indoor track season next winter has a swift new threat in the classic 500 and 600-yard tests on the Garden boards.

NEVER BEATEN IN 440

He's a cocky but pleasant chap, this Harris, who claims he's never been beaten in the 440 and that he likes to get out front and run his own race. He did it just that way, beating Boston College's Herb McKinley by three yards in a 48-second 400 and running away from the low-hurdle field in 0:24.1.

Married and 4-F in the draft because of asthma, Harris is a sure-fire lure for Garden meet promoters. A real speedster with great pride in his running ability, Harris scored a similar double in the recent NCAA championships, turning a 0:47.9 quarter which stands as the fastest this season.

Although no records were broken, the title meet was a good one. It saw Charley Parker. 17-year-old Texas schoolboy sensation, annex the 200-meter dash in 0:21.3 after a real battle with Ed Conwell, Pioneer Club star. Parker withdrew from the 100 bcause he had been ill the night before. 6-24-44

Parker incidentally, may wind up at West Point instead of Texas U. He's at the Academy today for a special interview and eye exam. He flunked a recent navy physical because of color blindness.

Joe McCluskey,, ex-Fordham and NYC router and now a naval lieutenant, says he's come to the end of the runing road at last. McCluskey, who has won 24 national crowns in 15 years of competition finished second to Forest Efaw in the 3,000 meter steeplechase. Now stationed at a Pacific Coast base training as a beachmaster for amphibious warfare, Joe avers this is the real McCoy . . . The 100-Meter final saw all six starters disqualified for exceeding the legal limit of two false starts apiece, but AAU moguls saved the event by reinstating the entire group. Claude Young, 18-year-od Illinois ace, won by two yards in 0:10.5 with Conwell second. 6-24-44

The NYAC had no trouble retaining its team title with 109 points. The Pioneer Club was second with 24 . . . Best performance of the meet was Bob Kelley's 800-Meter win in 1:51.8. The slim Illinois U Negro beat Johnny Fulton and Bill Hulse by two yards in a blazing finish. Jim Rafferty, NYAC, annexed the 500-meter run. Cornelius Warmerdam, naval lieutenant, took the pole vault at 15 feet. . . Defending champs won out in six of the nine field events.

Upsets Dot BAA: New Stars Uncovered

Afro-American Baltimore, Md.

2-19-44

By PAUL DAVIS

BOSTON, Mass. —Although colored athletes did not capture as many places as in Boston AA meets of the past five years, they were very much in evidence in a greater variety of events on last Saturday night.

Edward Dugger, Tufts graduate, from Medford, Mass., and now employed by the Wright Aeronautical Works, Dayton, Ohio, who was favored in the hurdles, was whipped by a dark horse, Ray Ramsay, white, with Dugger finishing in the runner-up position. Dugger was away so poorly over the 45-yard course that he was fourth at the first flight, and had to climb fast to get the runner-up position. The time was 5.8 seconds.

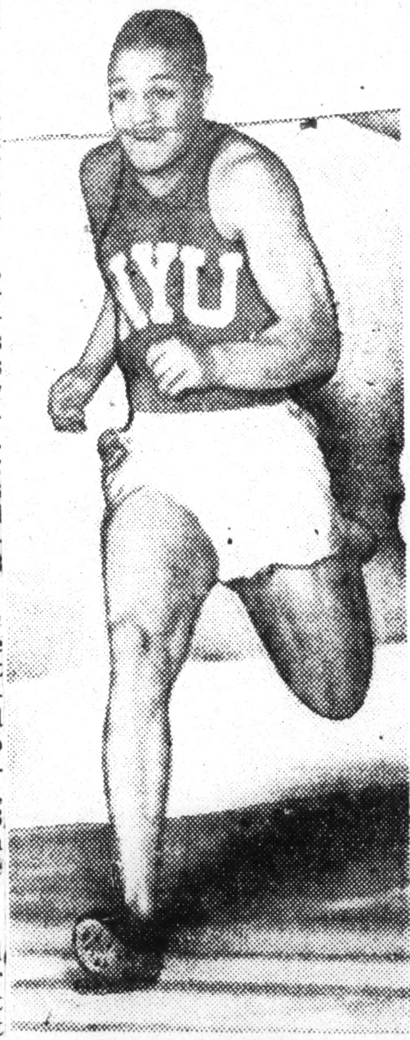
Upsets also occurred in the Briggs 50-yard dash with Claude (Buddy) Young, Millrose meet winner, just out of Wendell Phillips High School in Chicago, and a pre-BAA favorite, finishing no better than third. Eddie Conwell, of New York University, equalled the meet record of 5.3 seconds made by Barney Ewell in 1932. Ewell was second in the event.

Young Starts Poorly

Conwell, Metropolitan and IC4-A dash champion, had never before won an invitation sprint event until Saturday, when he hit the tape here two yards in front of Ewell. Young was nailed to his position when the starter, after a series of bad starts got the field away. Young had paraded through the eliminations and looked like a certainty to repeat his New York triumph of the week before. 2-19-44

Following the New York pattern of last week, Jimmy Herbert failed to click in the 660-yard Hollis invitation and Bob Ufer, white, from the University of Michigan managed to stave off the veteran's closing burst to win by three yards.

It had been expected by the throng that Herbert McKenley, Boston College star, would win, but he was caught in a traffic jam at the first turn and went to the floor. He got up and continued with the field. In the same event, the third man was Robert Kelley, the 880-Big Ten record-holder from the University of Illinois



EDDIE CONWELL

Time for the 660 was 1.13.

Schoolboy Is Sensation

Although it was not a high school meet, Courtland Ellis, a student in the Boston English High School, captured the hearts of the 13,000 people by his sterling performence in the anchor position in the Massachusetts State High School Relay Championship. Ellis, who earlier in the afternoon had brought his school to a narrow win for the State Championship, received the baton when he was 30 yards behind the field and put on the pressure in his heat to finish fully eight yards ahead of the crowd. His brother, William Ellis, was a track star at Harvard before he went into the army last year. He is a Boston lad. 2-19-44

In the running high-jump, Sgt. Joshua Williamson, of Camp Holabird, Baltimore, won third place at 6 feet 4 inches and Dave Albritton, of Dayton, Ohio, was second at 6 feet 6 inches. The first place again went to Bill Vessie, white, who cleared the bar at 6 feet 7 inches.

In the mile run the New York University miler, Rudy Simms, came in fourth in a race which Gilbert Dodds of the BAA pushed to a new Boston indoor record of 4:09.5.

The mile Relays turned up many colored athletes:

From Harvard University was Clifton R. Wharton, a freshman from Boston, whose father is the consul to Madagascar; from Bowdoin College was G. C. Branche, Jr., of Tuskegee Institute, where his father is head surgeon. He enters the Boston University Medical School next term. 2-19-44

Also from Bowdoin was J. M. Holmes, a freshman from Washington, D.C. Ralph King of Cambridge, Mass., who also placed in one of the heats of the 50-yard dash, ran with the Boston College quartet. Boston College won the mile relay with the assistance of King and McKenley in the time of 3:35.9.

Negro Athletes At Millrose Games

Age-New York, N.Y., 2-12-44

Johnny Fulton, Olmpic Club of San Francisco runner, took top honors at the Millrose games at Madison Square Garden, Saturday night, when he beat Jimmy Herbert, 4-time winner of the Mel Sheppard "600," a featured event of the meet.

Herbert was favored to win the event and would have, but made a bad start ,lingered too far in the back and when he attempted to sprint into the lead, was caught in a pocket on a turn. Perhaps it was over-confidence that did it, but the general feeling was that Herbert beat himself by the kind of race he ran.

Negro athletes again this year dominated in the 60-yard dash invitation, taking the qualifying runs in the two semi-final heats. In the final run, Claude Young of Illinois beat last year's winner, Pvt Norwood (Barney) Ewell, now of Camp Lee, Va. 2-12-44

Edward Dugger, unattached, won the 60-yard high hurdles, over Thomas H. Todd, jr., Siena College, and Don Kinzle, of V. M. I.

In the 4-lap relay race of Police Athletic League entrants, an all-Negro boys' team from Young Center, Manhattan, romped away with the event. Youngsters composing this team were Reynold Clarke, William Hazel, Wilson Morgan, Theodore Ellis, Isiah Wiggs and Milton Brown.

The 372nd Infantry was entered in the one-mile military relay, but failed to show up for the competition which was won by the U. S. N. R. Midshipmen's School.

In the high jump, William A. Vessie, jr., of Columbia, last year's winner, again repeated his triumph. Sgt. Joshua Williamson of the 1390th S. T. U. Baltimore, Md., was the Negro entrant.

In the Wanamaker Mile, William Hulse, of the New York A. C., triumphed over the field of six which included one Negro entrant, Rudy Simms, of New York University.

In the one mile college relay, won by Tufts College, the Boston College team sent two Negro runners in the field, but despite their good running, the team brought up the rear.

In the one mile A. A. U. relay the New York Pioneer Club, which had a 25-yard handicap, could place no better than third with the New York A. C. winning from scratch.

The University of Illinois which had two Negroes on its team, won the one-mile replay over Columbia, Dartmouth and the University of Rochester. In the intercollegiate two-mile relay, the University of Michigan triumphed over the University of Rochester, Dartmouth and Penn State. John Roxborough, a Negro youth, ran a great race for the winning team. 2-12-44

New York University's Stan and Maurice Callender did much to help their team win the one-mile college relay over West Point and Notre Dame.

Jesse Owens Named One Of 3 Greatest Athletes

Defender - Chicago, Ill

2-19-44

NEW YORK—(ANP)—One of the greatest sports achievements of all times is the record running, broad jumping and hurdling of Jesse Owens, declared the nation's leading sports editors last week.

The occasion for the question to arise came when the Associated Press asked the country's outstanding white sports editors "what do you consider the three greatest all-time achievements in American sports?" They agreed that Jesse Owens' record running, broad jumping and hurdling; Bobby Jones' 1930, golf achievements and Babe Ruth's great pitching, greater outfielding and record home-run hitting constituted the greatest all-time achievements in American sports. 2-19-44

Owens, who became a sensation before entering college, holds six world records in the track book. His speed won him three records on May 25, 1935, while wearing the colors of Ohio State university, during the Big Ten track meet. He won the 220-yard dash in 20.3; 220-yard low hurdles in 22.6; broad jump, 26 feet 8¼ inches and tied the 100-yard mark of 9.4 before he left the track that day.

Then Owens proceeded to embarrass Hitler in Berlin during the Olympic meets, by not only defeating his best Aryan trackmen, but added insult to injury by setting new Olympic records. In 1936 Jesse Owens ran the 100 and 200-meter, the broad jump, all new records, then led the American relay team to a new record.

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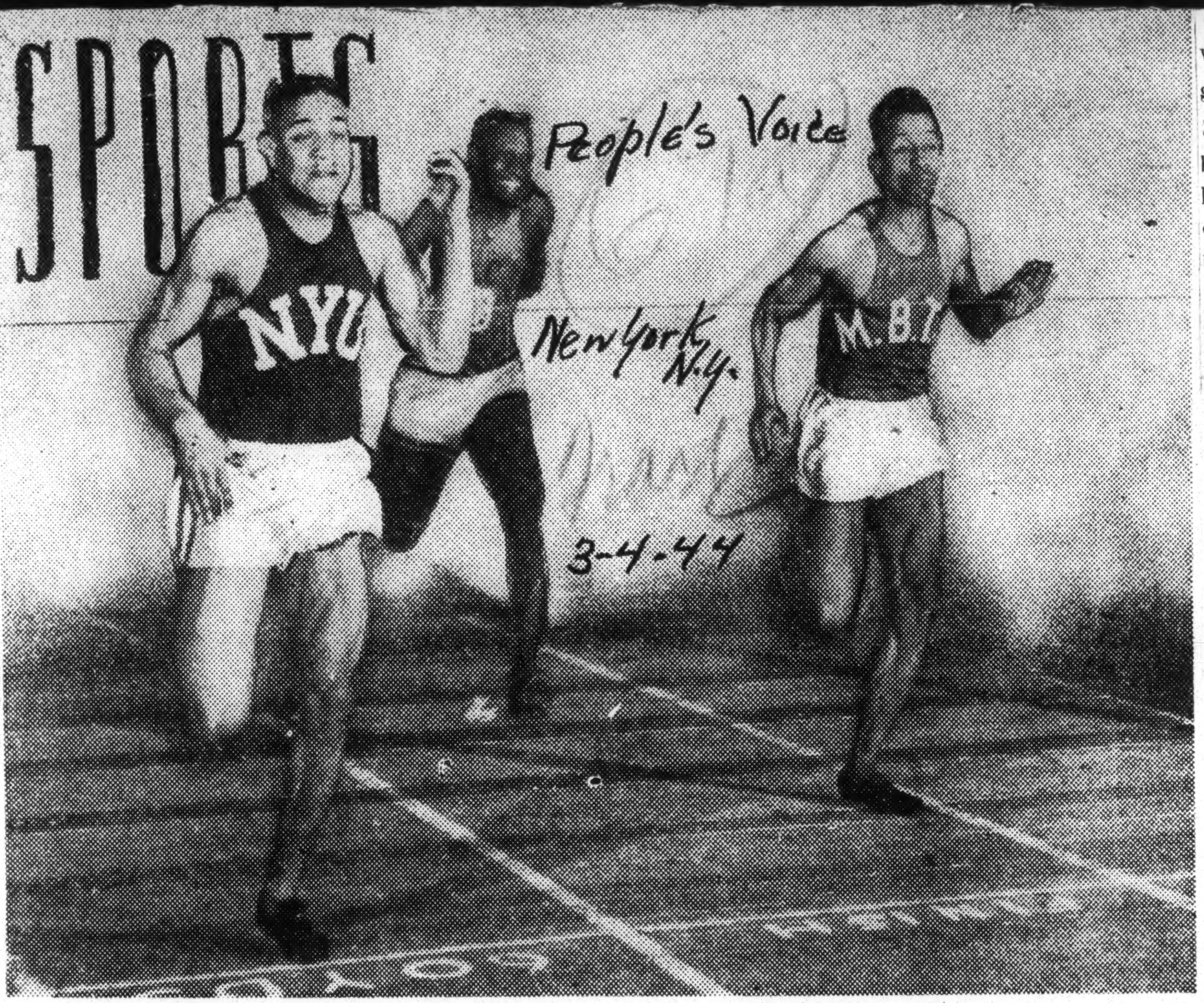

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CONWELL SCORES A BIG ONE as he takes down the national 60 yd indoor title in Garden AAU meet. He waited a long time to win a major race but did it in championship style when the chips were down. Yup, his 6.1 clocking was the equal of the current world indoor mark. He beat out Herb Thompson and Eulace Peacock (shown) who finished 2nd and 3rd. Barney Ewell could do no better than 4th.

Conwell, Dugger (2), Win Titles But Roxborough Steals AAU Show

By JOE BOSTIC, PV Sports Editor

3-4-44

Although two other Negroes won three championships between them and another gained a titular tie, it remained for loping John Roxborough to come up with the most thrilling running performance at the National AAU Championships in the Garden last Saturday night, The Michigan flyer outran both the favored Johnny Fulton and Joe Nowicki before yielding to Les Eisenhart in the 1,000 test. Of the championship efforts, the most gratifying was that of Ed Conwell, who has been knocking at the door of the big time for two years now in search of a major victory. He scored it Saturday with a vengeance as he tied the existent record for 60 yds indoors at 6.1 and licked Herb Thompson in the bargain to get revenge for that questionable decision in the NYAC meet a week previous. As usual he was away from the starting line like a bullet and stood off the stretch challenge of both Thompson, Peacock and Ewell, all of whom could have been covered with a blanket at the finish.

It remained for the veteran Ed Dugger to cop a double victory as he was returned triumphant both the high and low hurdles. In both finals he fairly breezed to triumphs over unusually classy competition for these days of wartime competition.

Once again Bill Vessie was unable to establish clear superiority in the high jump but this time instead of his tiening menace being Josh Williamson, it was Dave Albritton making his first Garden start of the current indoor season. Williamson had to be content with a second place tie shared by Sgt. Don Barksdale of Camp Lee.

Jim Herbert, numbered among the favorites in the 600, never had a chance in this race as starter Nate Cartmell permitted Bob Ufer to gain a two yard advantage at the gun. He was unable to call back the field as the fire piece jammed and Ufer fairly glided to a gift victory. Herbert was fourth.

However, it was Roxborough who came up with the spine tingling effort. Laying well behind the pace for the first three laps, but never worse than fourth, he let Fulton and Nowicki kill each other off. On the fourth lap he made his move and overtook Eisenhart on the fifth lap but lacked the stretch kick to answer the Eisenhart challenge and so yielded by a scant three yards.

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Jesse Owens One of 3 Great Athletes

Bee—Chicago, Ill.

2-20-44

NEW YORK, Feb.—(ANP)—One of the greatest sports achievements of all times is the record running, broad jumping and hurdling of Jesse Owens, declared the nation's leading sports editors last week.

The occasion for the question to arise when the Associated Press asked the country's outstanding white sports editors "what do you consider the three greatest all-time achievements in American sports?" They agreed that Jesse Owens's record running, broad jumping and hurdling; Bobby Jones' 1930 golf achievements and Babe Ruth's great pitching, greater outfielding and record home-run hitting constituted the greatest all-time achievements in American sports. 2-20-44

Owens, who became a sensation before entering college, holds six world records in the track book. His speed won him three records on May 25, 1935, while wearing the colors of Ohio State university, during the Big Ten Track meet. He won the 220-yard low hurdles in 22.6; broad jump, 26 feet 8¼ inches and tied the 100-yard mark of 9.4 before he left the track that day.

Then Owens proceeded to embarrass Hitler in Berlin during the Olympic meets, but not only defeating his best Aryan trackmen, but added insult to injury by setting new Olympic records. In 1936 Jesse Owens won the 100 and 200-meter, the broad jump, all new records, then led the American relay team to a new record.

Southern Ace Wins Allied Track Meet

World—Memphis, Tenn.

8-1-44

"SCOTLANDVILLE, La., — (SNS) — Sergeant Robert Smith, Ocean Springs, Mississippi, grid luminary and track star of Southern Univer-

seasons, has been reported by the Associated Press as winner of the shotput in the allied Track and Field Championships staged last Sunday at Rome. Italy, in the "Mussolini" Stadium.

Smith, who received honorable mention as end to the Negro All—American Football Team and also named 'All—Southern conference End, while he was performing with the Southern Jaguar Cats, tossed the shot for a distace of 44 ft. 6 inches to cop his event over American, French, and British athletes, representing every branch of the military service.

8-1-44

A member of two championship Southern track squads, "Smitty," as he was familiarly known, still holds the Southwestern conference mark of 42 ft. 9 inches in the shot put.

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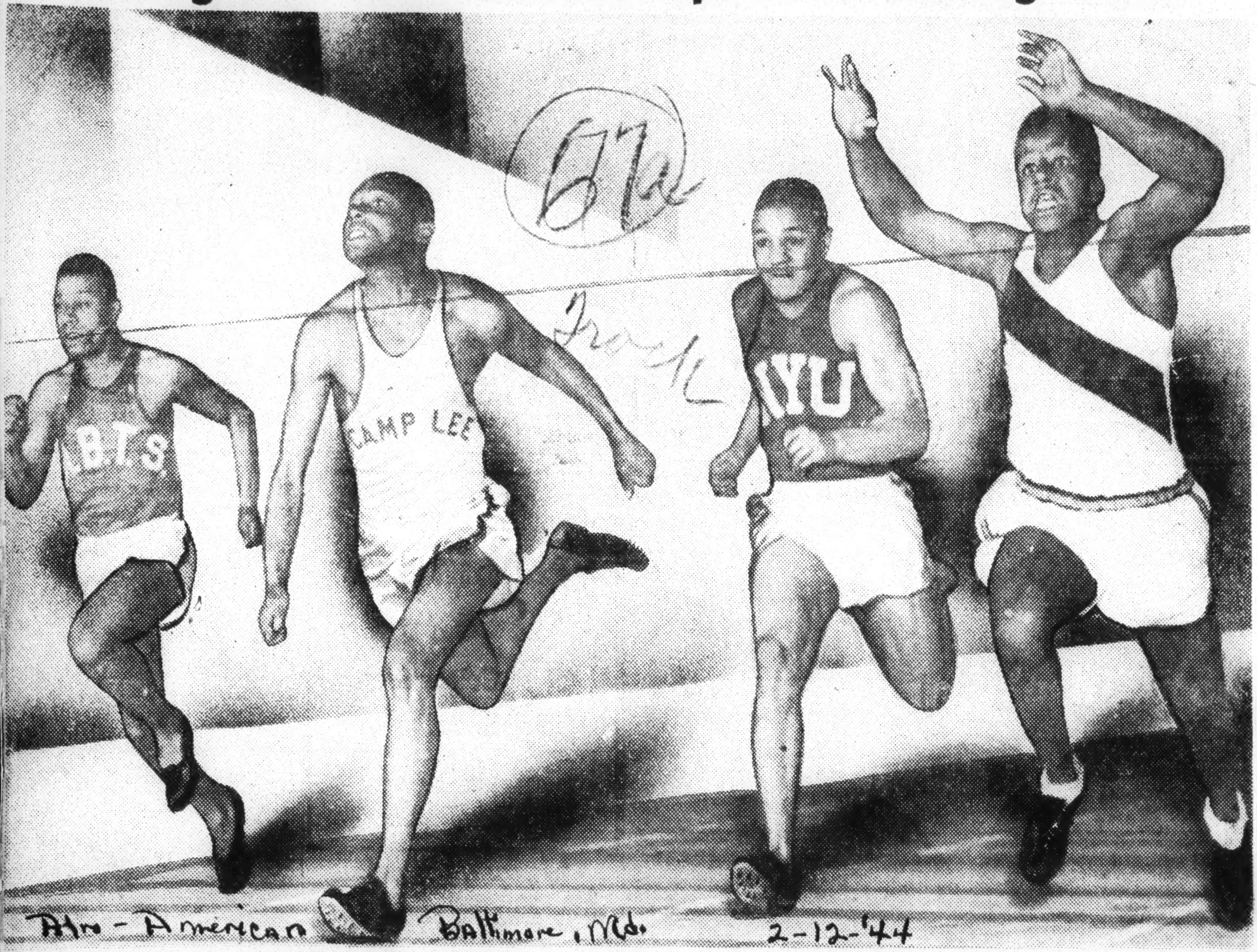
Youngster Takes Millrose Sprint in Blazing Finish



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Afro-American Baltimore, Md. 2-12-'44

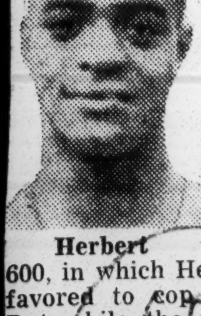
Claude (Buddy) Young (extreme right), 19-year-old University of Illinois freshman, just one month out of high school, storms across the finish line to capture the finish line to capture the 60-yard dash feature of the Millrose A.A. games at Madison Square Garden. Young, who was caught in the brilliant time of 6.2 seconds, came from behind to nip, left to right, Herb Thompson, USCG; Pvt. Barney Ewell, Camp Lee, and Eddie Conwell, NYU. Ewell was second and Conwell third. It was Young's first race over the Garden boards.

Herbert Bows, Young Wins in Millrose Games

Afro-American - Baltimore, Md.

By SAM LACY 2-12-44

NEW YORK—An old star faded and a new one took a place in the Millrose A.A. track and field firmament here at Madison Square Garden last Saturday night. Jimmy Herbert, 28-year-old warhorse of the Grand Street Boys' Club, was eclipsed by Johnny Fulton, a shifty white harrier, in the Mel Sheppard 600, in which Herbert was heavily favored to cop his fifth victory. But while the records show the veteran middle-distance star falling from grace, they also reveal the "arrival" of a brilliant young newcomer, Claude (Buddy) Young, of Chicago. 2-12-'42



Herbert

Young, less than a month out of the Windy City's Wendell Phillips High School, captured the 60-yard sprint feature in the colors of the University of Illinois, where he is a freshman. He blazed into the tape ahead of Norwood (Barney) Ewell, the defending champion, in an all-colored final heat.

Herbert Loss Shocks Fans

The defat of Herbert was a stunning blow to himself and to the 15,000 track followers who hied to the Eighth Avenue emporium for the games. Fulton, highly regarded on the West Coast, had been looked upon here as just another starter in a race in which the result was considered a foregone conclusion.

Many of the fans, with whom Herbert is extremely popular, had lost sight of the fact that Fulton's 48.3 seconds quarter was the fastest in last year's competitions, and that this feat alone should stamp him as a definite threat to the New Yorker's reign.

The Stanford star followed the pace of Michigan's Bob Ufer, white, for the first quarter, sprinted into the lead shortly thereafter, and finished a healthy two yards in the van of Herbert.

Ewell Dethroned

The latter had no excuses. Starting slowly, he took his own time about moving up to the leaders, apparently satisfied that Fulton, generally looked upon as a speedster, would wilt in the stretch. However, when he challenged the white boy in the closing 100 yards, the latter held on and then, after being collared by Herbert 10 yards from the tape, pulled away to the amazement of the spectators.

Young's triumph was at the end of a slam-bang race in which his time of 6.2 seconds was just one-tenth of a second off the world indoor record for the boards, held jointly by Ewell and Jesse Owens.

The 19-year-old flash left no doubt as to his superiority. He passed Ewell in the closing 10 yards to win by a full stride. Trailing Ewell into the tape were Eddie Conwell, of NYU, and Herb Thompson, of the U.S. Coast Guard, in that order.

The Illinois lad's time was fastest throughout the evening. He captured his heat in 6.3, ran the semi-final in 6.2, and topped the night off with a repetition of this sparkling effort.

Young, later in the evening, teamed with Bob Kelley and two white boys, Manuel Gonzales and Bob Hinkle, to win the one-mile college relay for the Illini.

Ed Dugger, 60-yard high hurdles defending champion, took down that event in the smart time of 7.6 seconds. In doing so, he pulled away from Tom Todd, white, of Siena College, in the rush to the wire. Dugger and Todd went over the final timber like a pair of Siamese twins.

Sgt. Joshua Williamson, of Camp Holabird, Baltimore, was second to Bill Vessie of Dartmouth, in the high jump. He was tied in this achievement, however, with Lieut. Art Burns, white, of Coffeyville, Kans.

Johnny Roxborough, of Detroit, ran a brilliant third man on the victorious University of Michigan two-mile relay team.

Rudy Simms, the promising NYU miler, ran an impressive fourth in the Wanamaker Mile, won by the consistent Gil Dodds, of the Boston A.A.

Brilliant performances were also turned in by the Callender twins, Stan and Maurice, freshman stars on the crack Violet mile relay quartet. The two brothers, sandwiched between Herbert Rubin and Walter Welsch, both white, established a clear lead over the celebrated Notre Dame four to set the victory.

The time of 3::24.6 was the fastest of the evening, the next best time being the 3:27.8 in which Illinois, with Young, was clocked. Army was third to NYU in the event.

KELLEY, YOUNG LEAD IN BID TO RETAIN CROWN

Daily Tribune

Chicago, Illinois

June 2, 1944

Great Lakes Holds Meet Tomorrow.

BY WILFRID SMITH.

The University of Illinois, which has entered 15 athletes in the Central Collegiate track meet tomorrow at Great Lakes Naval Training center, is prohibitive choice to retain its team title.

Michigan, which defeated Illinois in the Western conference games last Saturday, will be represented by only two men, the Hume twins, Bob and Ross, who entered in the mile run. They are Big Ten co-champions at this distance. Bob is captain of the Michigan team this season and yesterday Wolverine letter winners elected Ross as captain for 1945.

Thirteen universities, including six from the Big Ten, have submitted entries and the group also includes Notre Dame, Marquette, Central Michigan, Lawrence college, Illinois Tech, St. Thomas, and Great Lakes. In addition to the Illini the conference schools are Northwestern, Ohio State, Minnesota, Purdue, and Michigan. Qualifying trials will start tomorrow morning at 10:30 and the first championship is scheduled at 2 p. m.

June 2, 1944

Kelley, Young Lead Illini.

Capt. Bob Kelley and Buddy Young, who accounted for five individual championships in the Big Ten meet, will lead the Illinois squad at Great Lakes. Kelley won the 440 yard and half mile races in the conference event and in each registered his best time in his three years of intercollegiate competition. Kelley is the defending champion in the Central Collegiate quarter mile but finished only third in the half mile race last year at Marquette.

Young, who won both sprints and the broad jump, and who led the low hurdle field last Saturday until he fell at the last hurdle, will compete tomorrow in the sprints. Since no midwestern sprinter has beaten Young this year, he should have no difficulty taking these events. Ben Harvey of Purdue is a natural choice to finish second in the 100 yard dash. Harvey was beaten for second place in the 220 yard dash, however, by William Madden of Northwestern. Young will not compete in the broad jump and low hurdles tomorrow.

First Meet on New Track.

The track at Great Lakes recently was completed and this will be the first outdoor meet there. Ten thousand sailors will watch the games. Great Lakes was awarded the Central meet when Marquette, perennial host, was selected for the National Collegiate meet a week from tomorrow.

Jerry Thompson, former University of Texas middle distance runner, will represent Great Lakes tomorrow in the mile and two miles. Frank Martin, miler; Phil Anderson, pole vaulter, and Joe Kelly, shot putter, will represent Notre Dame. Kelly will seek to defeat Nelson Klaus of Purdue, conference shot put and discus throw champion.

Marquette High Jumper Enters.

Armin Bauman of Minnesota, who tied with Bill Dale of Michigan at 6 feet for the conference high jump title, will jump against Marquette's Ken Weisner. The Marquette athlete consistently has bettered 6 feet this year and is expected to defeat Bauman, woh has been handicapped by a shoulder injury.

Illinois' entrant in the pole vault is Bob Phelps, who shared the conference championship with John Schmidt of Ohio State at 12 feet, 8 inches. Among the other Illini athletes are Marce Gonzalez and Dick Young, quarter milers, who, with Kelley, are members of the mile relay team. The fourth runner probably will not be named until just before the event. Buddy Young ran on the team once this year. Dave Nicohls, who scored Illinois' other conference victory, will compete in the 120 yard high hurdles.

BUDDY, DRAFT NEAR, AIDS IN RELAY VICTORY

Tribune - Chicago, Ill

June 4, 1944

Great Lakes Is 2d; Notre Dame 3d.

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Table of Points

Illinois	57½	Michigan	9
Great Lakes	46	Minnesota	6
Notre Dame	25	Illinois Tech	3
Northwestern	20	Indiana	2
Purdue	14	Chicago	1
Marquette	13½	Central Mich.	1
Lawrence	11	St. Thomas	1

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BY WILFRID SMITH.

The University of Illinois retained its Central Collegiate track title yesterday in the 19th edition of the games held at Great Lakes Naval Training center with 57½ points founded largely on five individual championships, victory in the mile relay, and a half share in the pole vault title. The Bluejackets finished second with 46 points while Notre Dame beat out Northwestern for third position in the team standings.

Illinois' honor in receiving the Knute Rockne Memorial trophy, emblematic of team victory, was augmented by award of the John P. Nicholson Memorial trophy to Buddy Young, who scored three individual triumphs and who also contributed to the success of the mile relay quartet. Young was voted the outstanding athlete in the games which may be his penultimate appearance in intercollegiate sport until after the war.

Young Expects Draft Call.

Young said yesterday he had been notified by his draft board that he probably would be called for examination the latter part of the month. Eighteen years of age, his current deferment expires at the end of the present scholastic term. Buddy will compete Saturday night in the National Collegiate meet in Milwaukee.

Yesterday Buddy won both sprints and took the broad jump title to match his victories in the Western conference games last week. He did not compete in the low hurdles, an event he is anticipating in the Nationals, but he was chosen to run the third leg of the mile relay in which the Illini defeated Great Lakes in 3:23.3. Illinois took command on Buddy's tour of the track and Capt. Bob Kelley carried on. Marce Gonzalez and Dick Young preceded Buddy and Kelley.

8,000 Sailors Watch Meet.

Buddy's best mark of the afternoon was made in the furlong sprint in which he was timed in 21 3-10 seconds, one-tenth over the Central Collegiate record set by Ralph Metcalfe of Marquette 11 years ago. Metcalfe, however, ran round one turn while yesterday's sprint was on the straightaway of the new Great Lakes track.

Eight thousand sailors, more than half of them boot trainees, saw the station's first track meet which has now established this sport on a par with Great Lakes activities in baseball, football, and basketball.

The fine performance of Ross and Bob Hume from the University of Michigan shared top billing in the excellent program. The twins, who are co-champions in the Big Ten mile, ran their eighth consecutive dead heat of the year and their mark of 4:14.6 was their best.

Humes Win by 20 Yards.

Ross, captain elect of the Wolverines, paced the first quarter in 60 seconds, and Bob, who is Michigan's leader this year, was in front at the half mile in 2:09. The boys alternated and widened the gap over their only serious rival, Jerry Thompson of Great Lakes, to win by 20 yards.

Thompson, a former University of Texas athlete who last year won the N. C. A. A. two mile, came back to take this event from Notre Dame's Frank Martin, who had scratched in the mile to bid for the title. Thompson went to the front on the back stretch of the seventh lap of the two miles and withstood Martin's challenge. He won by two yards in 9:31.9.

Denied Double Victories.

Two upsets were registered yesterday when Kelley and Nelson

Tribune - Chicago, Ill.

Klaus, Purdue weightman, were denied double victories customarily achieved. Kelley was off his peak form of seven days ago and while he won the 440 yard dash, he was beaten in the half mile by Bill Beile of Purdue. 6-4-'44

Beile had an advantage in that he did not run earlier, as had Kelley. The Illinois captain lacked the sprint required to catch his one time team mate, altho the time for 880 yards was a mediocre 1:57.5.

Klaus won the shot put with a toss of 47 feet 9¼ inches, but Joe Kelley of Notre Dame, who was fifth in this weight event, won the discus throw. Kelley had a mark of 137 feet 6½ inches while Klaus was second with 135 feet 9½ inches.

Summaries:

MILE—Won by Ross and Bob Hume, Michigan [dead heat]; Thompson, Great Lakes, third; Lyons, Great Lakes, fourth; Dewolf, Notre Dame, fifth. Time, 4:14.6.

120 YARD HIGH HURDLES—Won by Nichols, Illinois; Ruther, Illinois, second; De Young, Lawrence, third; Warfield, Northwestern, fourth; Cooley, Illinois Tech, fifth. Time, :15.4.

SHOT PUT—Won by Klaus, Purdue, 47 feet 9¼ inches; Sullivan, Notre Dame, second, 45 feet 7 inches; Prather, Great Lakes, third, 45 feet 3¼ inches; Richardson, Marquette, fourth, 43 feet 9¼ inches; Kelley, Notre Dame, fifth, 43 feet 9 inches.

HALF MILE—Won by Beile, Purdue; Kelley, Illinois, second; Fletcher, Great Lakes, third; Pierzynski, Illinois, fourth; Perl, Chicago, fifth. Time, 1:57.5.

440 YARD DASH—Won by Kelley, Illinois; Altepeter, Northwestern, second; Gonzales, Illinois, third; Lipski, Great Lakes, and Purcell, Notre Dame, tied for fourth. Time, :48.9.

100 YARD DASH—Won by Young, Illinois; Lankford, Great Lakes, second; Beaudry, Marquette, third; Brownstein, Minnesota, fourth; Madden, Northwestern, fifth. Time, :09.8.

220 YARD DASH—Won by Young, Illinois; Madden, Northwestern, second; Altepeter, Northwestern, third; Hankins, Illinois Tech, fourth; Johnson, Illinois fifth. Time, :21.3.

BROAD JUMP—Won by Young, Illinois, 22 feet 10½ inches; Best, Illinois, second, 21 feet 11½ inches; James, Great Lakes, third, 21 feet 9½ inches; Campbell, Great Lakes, fourth, 21 feet 6 inches; Giese, Central Michigan, fifth, 20 feet 8½ inches.

HIGH JUMP—Won by Wiesner, Marquette, 6 feet 2½ inches; Bauman, Minnesota, second, 6 feet 1 inch; Rothrock, Northwestern, De Young, Lawrence, and Teixeira, Great Lakes, tied for third, 5 feet 10 inches.

TWO MILES—Won by Thompson, Great Lakes; Martin, Notre Dame, second; Lawson, Lawrence, third; Walsh, Indiana, fourth; Hamer, Illinois, fifth. Time, 9:31.9.

DISCUS THROW—Won by Kelley, Notre Dame, 137 feet 6 1.2 inches; Klaus, Purdue, second, 135 feet 9½ inches; Cokor, Great Lakes, third, 134 feet 5½ inches; Prather, Great Lakes, fourth, 132 feet 10 inches; Purma, Great Lakes, fifth, 130 feet ½ inch.

220 YARD LOW HURDLES—Won by Lankford, Great Lakes; Best, Illinois, second; De Young, Lawrence, third; O'Neill, Notre Dame, fourth; Neub, St. Thomas, fifth. Time, :25.

MILE RELAY—Won by Illinois [Gonzales, Dick Young, Buddy Young, Kelley]; Great Lakes, second; Northwestern, third; Notre Dame, fourth; Marquette, fifth. Time, 3:23.3.

POLE VAULT—Anderson, Notre Dames, and Phelps, Illinois, tied for first, 12 feet 4 inches; Baerwald, Marquette, and Chapman, Great Lakes, tied; for third, 12 feet; Lauritsen, Northwestern, fifth, 11 feet 6 inches.

Claude Young Wins Millrose 60-Yard Dash

Defender Chicago, Ill.

2-12-44

NEW YORK.—Claude "Buddy" Young, the University of Illinois freshman and last year's all state prep dash champion from Chicago's Wendell Phillips high school won the 60-yard indoor event in the Madison Square Garden Saturday.

Young ran the Millrose A.A. 60-yard dash in 6.2 seconds to end Barney Ewell's reign in that event. Ewell, a private at Camp Lee, Va., was last year's winner while at Penn State.

The finish of the dash event was an all-Negro affair. Young won, Ewell was second, Ed Conwell, N.Y.U. dash star, finished third and Herb Thomson, formerly of the Newark Board of Education but now with the Manhattan Beach Coast Guard, was fourth.

Ed Dugger, formerly of Tuft's college but now of Dayton, Ohio, won the 60-yard high hurdles. The 600-yard run found Jimmy Herbert, former N.Y.U. quartermiler but now of the Grand Street Boys club, unable to stand the pace set by Johnny Fulton, white, San Francisco Olympic club, and Herbert was second, the first time in five years he hasn't won the event.

Rudy Simms, N.Y.U. freshman from Harlem, was third in the Wanamaker mile.

Claude Kelley of Springfield, Ill., ran third on the University of Illinois winning one-mile relay team. Claude Young ran the second leg. 2-12-44

John Roxborough, Detroit, ran the third leg on the University of Michigan two-mile intercollegiate championship quartet.

St. Joshua Williams, formerly of Xavier university and former Penn relays high jump champion, was tied for second place in that event.

BUDDY YOUNG TAKES SPRINT CHAMPIONSHIP

Tribune - Chicago, Ill.

6-11-44

Notre Dame Second, Michigan Third.

Table of Points

MILWAUKEE, Wis., June 10.—Team standings in the national collegiate track meet tonight follow:

Illinois	79	Oberlin	15
Notre Dame	43	Utah	14
Michigan	40	Minnesota	12
Ohio State	23	Colorado	10
Northwestern	20	Western Michigan	10
Purdue	20	Indiana	8
Morgan State	20	Boston College	8
Marquette	19	Fresno State	8
New York U.	18	Iowa State	5
Missouri	18	Michigan State	4
Wisconsin	16	Illinois Tech	1
Miami, O.	16	Central Michigan	1

BY WILFRID SMITH.

[Chicago Tribune Press Service.]

Milwaukee, Wis., June 10.—Buddy Young is the sprint champion of Intercollegiate track and he and his teammates are the best squad in National Collegiate competition this year. They won these honors tonight in Marquette university stadium in the 23d annual games. Tonight's meet marked the third N. C. A. A. title for the Illini.

The Illini scored four individual championships, two of them by Young, shared in another, and secured nine more scoring positions to total 79 points. Notre Dame, with 43 points, nosed out Michigan, champion of the western conference, for second place. The Wolverines had 40 points founded principally on the dead heat in the mile by Ross and Bob Hume. The latter also was second in the half mile.

Young Suffers Second Defeat.

Three other western conference universities—Ohio State, Northwestern, and Purdue—followed in the team standings before Morgan State broke the parade. Twenty-four teams scored. 6-11-44

Illinois' team victory was fashioned around Young as was expected for the freshman star backed up his two sprint triumphs by a second place in the broad jump. This was the second defeat in the jump this year for the western conference champion as he had been beaten earlier at Michigan by Elroy Hirsch.

Tonight Young barely cleared 23 feet and the title went to Ralph Tyler of Ohio State who had lost the Big Ten broad jump by half an inch. This licking and the knowledge that Illinois needed no more points caused Buddy to scratch in the low hurdles, the concluding event, altho he had qualified. Even so, Buddy's 28 points won individual honors.

Young Defeats Conwell.

Young soundly whipped Ed Conwell of New York university, I. C. 4-A champion, to take the 220 yard sprint title by four yards. There was no doubt of Buddy's superior speed from the time the sprinters left their marks on the east side of the track. Young built up his advantage on the turn and Conwell failed to narrow the gap.

The publicized meeting between the men at 100 yards did not materialize because Conwell made two false starts and was disqualified by Dr. W. J. Monilaw. Thus, Dick Madden of Northwestern was second, beaten by eight yards. Young's mark of :09.7 was excellent for the track which was slow from yesterday's rain.

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Track

Claude (Buddy) Young, former Wendell Phillips High school athlete now competing for Illinois, sails thru the air to a leap of more than 23 feet, a first in the broad jump for him.

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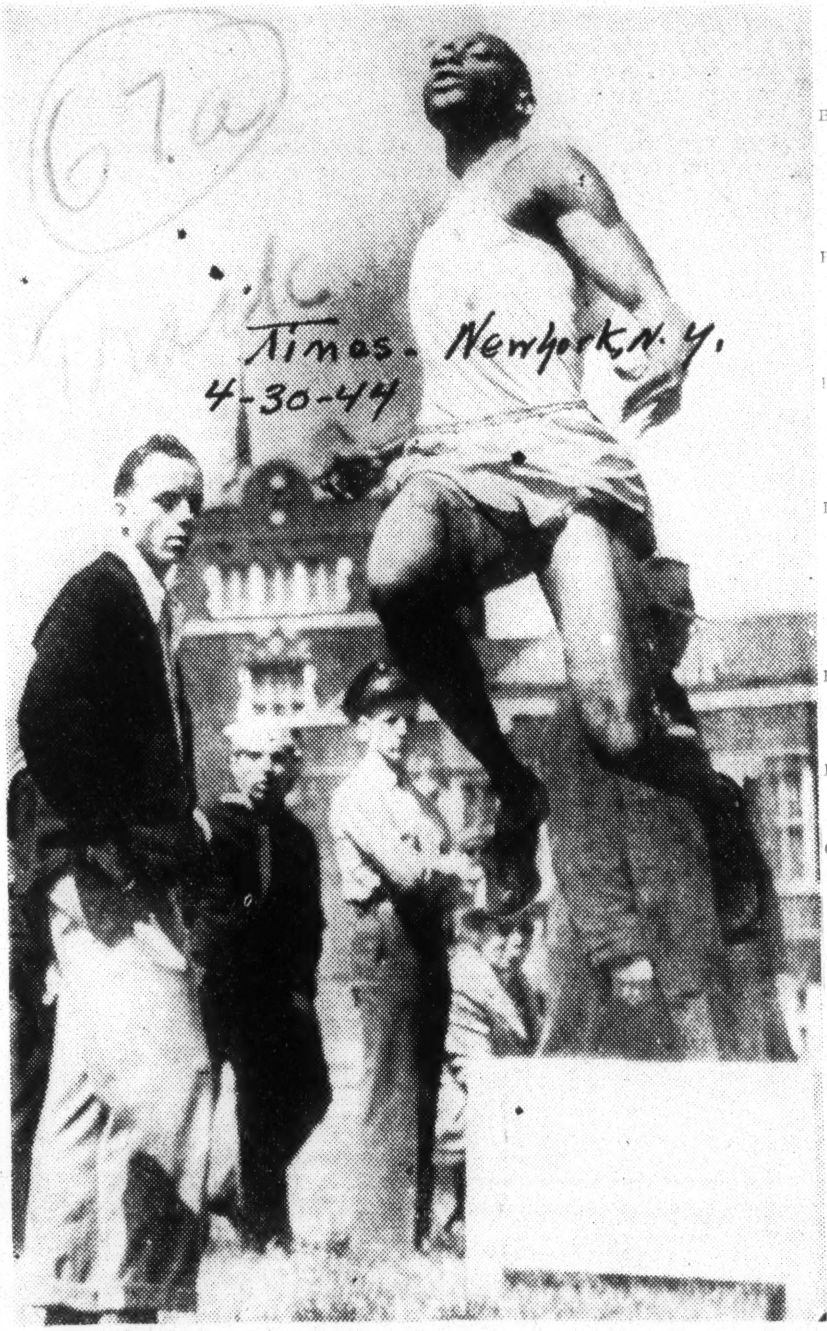
Track

Soaring to Victory in Penn Relays



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Track

Times- New York, N.Y.
4-30-44

Pvt. Barney Ewell winning the broad jump with a leap of 24 feet 2⅛ inches yesterday.

Associated Press Wirephoto

THE YOUNG FAMILY

Life Magazine-
Chicago, Ill. 5-8-44

Sirs:

The statement by Mrs. Young ("The Young Family," LIFE, April 17) that she attributed the running ability of the family to a strain of Indian blood is decidedly fallacious. The vaunted running speed of the Indian race is merely legendary, if not mythical, if we are to believe athletic records for the last 35 years. While the Indian has shown marked ability as a football player, baseball player and boxer, his success in track and field athletics has been remarkably small.

The record books fail to reveal any Indian sprinters of national, international or world-record caliber, whereas the America Negro has surpassed the world as a sprinter, holding either jointly or exclusively every world sprint record from 40 yards up to 220 yards. 5-8-44

JAMES DALLAS PARKS

Jefferson City, Mo.

YOUNG IS STANDOUT OF DRAKE CARNIVAL

Times- New York, N.Y.

Captures 2 Events and Runs Anchor Leg in Two of Four Relays Won by Illinois

4-30-44

By The Associated Press.

DES MOINES, April 29—Illinois' sensational 17-year-old freshman, Claude (Buddy) Young, became the workhouse of the Drake Relays today by engaging in four smashing triumphs.

The stocky, powerfully builta Negro, competing in his first majorwhich outdoor competition, defeateda seven rivals in the 100-yard dash with comparative ease, captured the broad jump and ran as anchor man in two orf the four relays Illinois won. 4-30-44

Acclaimed by Crowd

Young's performance was acclaimed by a crowd of 8,200 spectators watching the running of the third successive wartime carnival and the thirty-fifth since it was inaugurated.

Young first won the broad jump with a leap of 22 feet 4¼ inches and then captured the 100 in 9.8 seconds. Although handicapped by lack of outdoor practice, he made a sho wof his field in the century, which he ran for the first time as a collegian.

Illinois used only seven men in winning four relays and two individual championships.

The same four Illinois runners, with Young at anchor in each case, won the 440 and half-mile university relays. The runners, besides Young, were David Best, Richard Young and Marce Gonzalez.

The Summaries

INDIVIDUAL EVENTS

Invitation Three-quarter Mile Run—Won by Bill Hulse, New York A. C.; second, Alfred Daily, New York A. C.; third, Rudolph Simms, New York University. Edward Morgan, Shanahan C. C., Philadelphia, failed to finish. Time—3:04.

Hammer Throw—Won by Lt. Gantt W. Miller, U.S.N.R., Washington, 157 feet 1⅝ inches; second, R. T. Ely, Princeton, 139 feet 6⅛ inches; third, George Troxell, Army, 130 feet 1⅛ inches; fourth, Anthony J. Penico, Pennsylvania, 127 feet 9⅞ inches.

Javelin Throw—Won by William J. Icannicelli, Franklin and Marshall, 191 feet 6¾ inches; second, Eulace Peacock, Manhattan Beach Coast Guard, 179 feet ½ inch; third, William Chynoweth, Army, 174 feet 9½ inches; fourth, William S. Chandler, Army, 172 feet; fifth, R. L. Vernoy, Pre-Midshipmen's School, Asbury Park, N. J., 171 feet 2¼ inches.

Broad Jump—Won by Pvt. Barney Ewell, Camp Lee, Va., 24 feet 2⅛ inches; second, D. D. Dupre, Pre-Midshipmen's School, Asbury Park, N. J., 23 feet 5⅜ inches; third, Eulace Peacock, Manhattan Beach Coast Guard, 22 feet 10 inches; fourth, Charles Walker, Hampton (Va.) Naval Training School, 22 feet 4 inches; fifth, Andrew Hunter, Brooklyn Army Base, 22 feet. 4-30-44

Pole Vault—Won by John M. Dick, Army, 13 feet; second, Philip L. Lansing, Army, 13 feet; third, Robert Richards, Bridgewater College, Va., 12 feet 6 inches; tie for fourth among James F. Holcomb, Army; R. J. Blaine, Midshipmen's School, Asbury Park, N. J., and Peter Miller, Willow Grove, Pa., 11 feet 6 inches. (Dick won on fewer misses.)

High Jump—Won by Sgt. Joshua Williamson, Holabird Signal Depot, Baltimore, 6 feet 4 inches; second, Corp. Estell Harper, Holabird Signal Depot, 6 feet 4 inches; third, Howard Jones, Philadelphia General Depot, 6 feet 2 inches; fourth, W. W. Smith, Midshipmen's School, Asbury Park, N. J., 6 feet 2 inches. (Williamson won on fewer misses.)

Invitation 100-Yard Dash—Won by Edward Conwell, New York University; second, Pvt. Henry M. Ewell, Camp Lee, Va.; third, Herbert Thompson, Manhattan Beach Coast Guard; fourth, Hubert Rubin, New York University; fifth, Daniel Wingerd, Swarthmore; sixth, Chester Thomas, Holabird Signal Depot Baltimore. Time—0:9.8.

COLLEGE RELAYS

Half-Mile Championship of America—Won by New York University (Frank Svobdo, Herbert Rubin, Milford Parker, Ed Conwell); second, Army; third, Dartmouth; fourth, United States Coast Guard Communications (Manhattan Beach). Time—1:28.

Four-Mile Championship of America—Won by Michigan (John Purdue, Richard Barnard, Robert Hume, Ross Hume); second, Army; third, New York University; fourth, Dartmouth; fifth, Columbia. Time—8:12.5.

One Mile (first race)—Won by Lincoln University, Oxford, Pa. (Rudolph Johnson, Herndon White, John Streetz, Edward Dixon); second, Franklin and Marshall; third, Morgan State, Baltimore; fourth, Bloomsburg Teachers; fifth, Muhlenberg; sixth, Virginia State; seventh, Brooklyn. Time—3:30.5.

One mile (second race)—Won by City College of New York (Alex Post, Eric Williams, Carl Holmes, Sol Goodelman); second, Hampton; third, Trinity; fourth, Swarthmore; fifth, Howard. Time—3:33.5.

Two-Mile Championship of America—Won by Dartmouth (William Atkinson, Charles Judge, Frank Fox, Donald Burnham); second, Rochester; third, Michigan; fourth, Columbia; fifth, Duke; sixth, New York University; seventh, Cornell; eighth, Pennsylvania; ninth, C. C. N. Y. Time—7:55.7.

480-Yard Shuttle Hurdle Championship of America (Final)—Won by Army (Jerry Morrow, Andrew Lamar, Bill Griffin, Carl B. Anderson); second, Duke; third, Virginia. Time—1:04.1.

Class B One-Mile Championship of America—Won by Penn State (Joh Dibeler, Edward Long, Robert B. Jones, Richard C. McCown); second, Colgate; third, New York University; fourth, Villanova; fifth, Princeton. Time—3:26.1.

One-Mile Championship of America—Won by Army (Bill Wittington, Bob Conrad, Jerry Morrow, George Berger); second, Dartmouth; third, Michigan; fourth, Columbia; fifth, Rochester; sixth, New York University; seventh, Pennsylvania. Time—3:21.1.

SERVICE RELAY

One-Mile Championship—Won by Columbia Midshipmen's School (Hanson, Sheehan, William Halsey, Robert Crowley); second, Naval Air Material Center, Philadelphia. Time—3:37.1.

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SCHOOL RELAYS

High School Mile Championship of America (First Section)—Won by Ridley Township, Pa. (L. Garling, W. Zehler, D. Ross, W. Garling); second, Armstrong, Washington; third, Abraham Lincoln, Brooklyn; fourth, Central, Philadelphia; fifth, Barringer, Newark, N. J.; sixth, Overbrook, Philadelphia; seventh, Bayonne, N. J.; eighth, West Catholic, Philadelphia; ninth, North Arlington, N. J. Time—3:32.4.

Second Section—Won by De Witt Clinton, New York (Arthur Greene, Oliver Tucker, D. Kosoff, John Taylor); second, Central, Trenton, N. J.; third, Upper Darby, Pa.; fourth, Bishop Loughlin Memorial, Brooklyn; fifth, Cardozo, Washington; sixth, St. Michael's, Jersey City, N. J.; seventh, Newtown, New York; eighth, Northeast Catholic, Philadelphia. Time—3:29.2.

Winner on Time—De Witt Clinton, 3:29.2; second, Central, Trenton, N. J., 3:29.7; third, Upper Darby, Pa., 3:30.

Prep School Mile Championship of America—Won by La Salle Military Academy, Oakdale, L. I. (Charles Davis, Charles Rice, Jay Carey, Stephen Packer); second, St. Benedict's, Newark, N. J.; third, Brooklyn Prep; fourth, Mercersburg (Pa.) Academy). Time—3:31.6.

High School Two-Mile Championship of America (First Section)—Won by Bishop Loughlin Memorial, Brooklyn (R. Schabowsky, R. Checola, G. Klinger, D. Duggan); second Central, Trenton, N. J.; third, St. Augustine Diocesan, Brooklyn; fourth, West Catholic, Philadelphia; fifth, Overbrook, Philadelphia; sixth, Morris, New York; seventh, Kearny, N. J.; eighth, La Salle, Philadelphia; ninth, South Philadelphia; tenth, Nott Terrace, Schenectady, N. Y.; eleventh, Reading, Pa.; twelfth, Power Memorial, New York; thirteenth, Lower Merion, Pa.; fourteenth, Chester, Pa.; fifteenth, Ridley Park, Pa.; sixteenth, St. Michael's, Jersey City. Time—8:19.3.

Second Section—Won by Bronxville, N. Y. (J. Kent, J. Nowak, R. Trapp, E. Michalski); second, Mount St. Michael, Bronx; third, New York High School of Commerce; fourth, Mont Pleasant, Schenectady, N. Y.; fifth, Upper Darby, Pa.; sixth, Collingswood, N. J.; seventh, Roman Catholic, Philadelphia; eighth, La Salle, New York; ninth, Columbia, N. J.; tenth, Thomas Jefferson, Elizabeth, N. J.; eleventh, Northeast, Philadelphia; twelfth, Belair, Md.; thirteenth, St. Peter's, Jersey City; fourteenth, Northeast Catholic, Philadelphia; fifteenth, Woodbury, N. J. Time—8:20.7.

Winner on Time—Loughlin, 8:19.3; second, Central, Trenton, N. J., 8:19.3; third, Bronxville, N. Y., 8:20.7; fourth, Mount St. Michael, 8:26.5 (Loughlin won by scant inch, although time was same as that of Trenton).

Four Negroes Win In Chicago Relay Games

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Atlanta, Ga.
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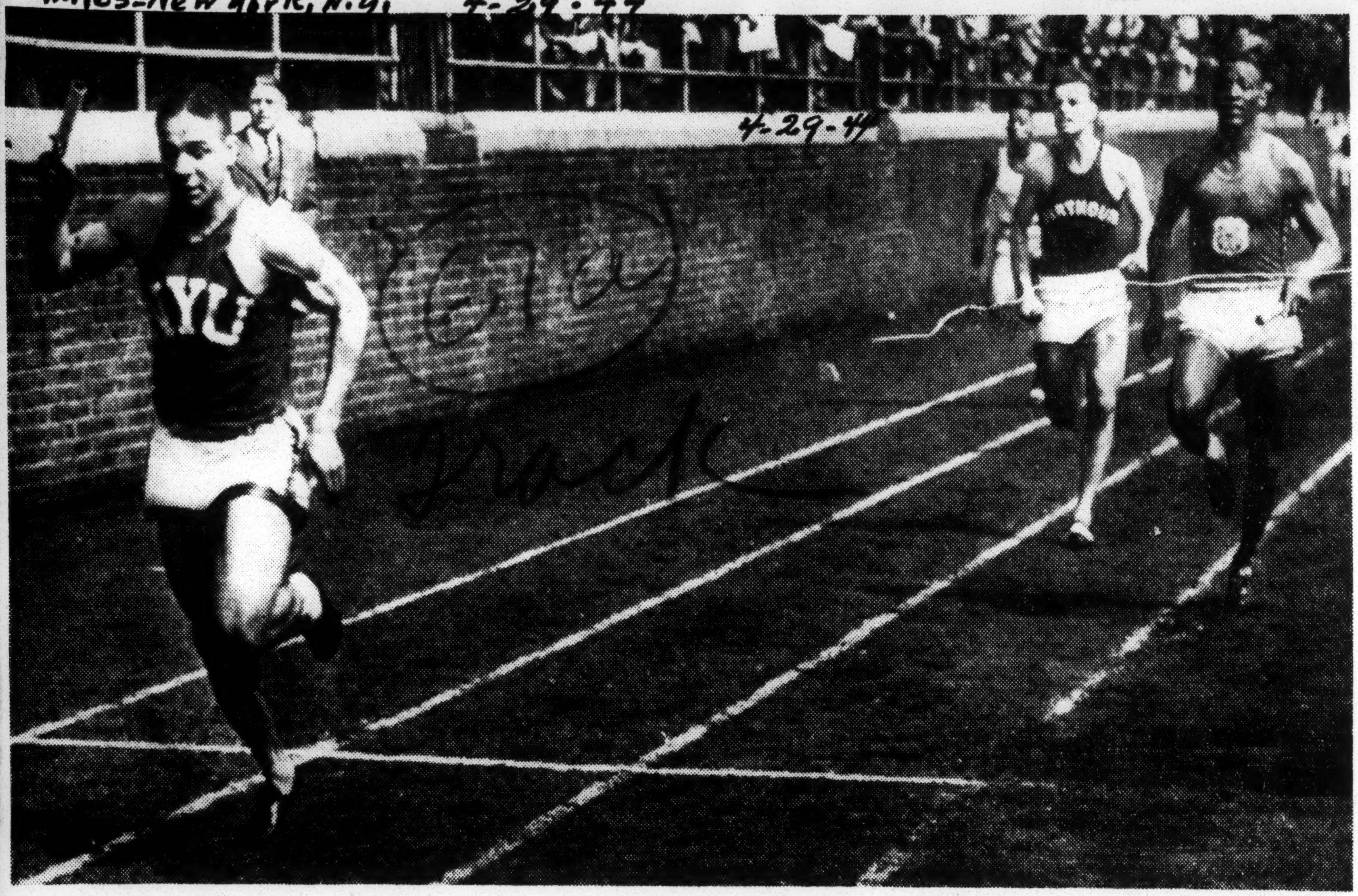
CHICAGO.—(ANP) — Four dusky civilians walked off with as many championships in the 8th annual Chicago relays, sponsored by the Chicago Daily News, Saturday night, before a crowd of nearly 14,000 in the stadium. They were Claude "Buddy" Young, Olympic sprint series; Ed Dugger, Olympic hurdle series; Jim Herbert, 600 yard run, and Dave Albritton, high jump.

N. Y. U. RETAINING ITS TITLE IN THE PENN RELAYS YESTERDAY

Times-New York, N.Y. 4-29-44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Track

Ed Conwell breaking the tape in the quarter-mile relay at Franklin Field in Philadelphia. Eulace Peacock (right) of the Manhattan Beach Coast Guard finished second.

Associated Press Wirephoto

Negro Is Star Of Track Meet

Daily World, Atlanta, Ga.

4-6-44

CHAMPAIGN, Ill.—(ANP)—Versatile is the word for Bob Kelley of Springfield, senior star of Coach Lee Johnson's 1944 track squad at the University of Illinois.

Perhaps that versatility keeps Kelley from ranking as one of the nation's best middle distance runners, since he's often called upon to run the 440-880 mile combination in an Illinois meet, as well as anchor the relay team. But, it's mighty handy when squads are as short on personnel as happens in this war-time year

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As it is, Bob garnered a shelf full of trophies for the Illini. He's defending Big Ten champion in the 440 and 880 outdoors and was named to the All-American track team last year as a quarter-miler.

Three Negroes Shine In Annual Track Meet

Daily World, Atlanta, Ga.

4-6-44

Claude (Buddy) Young, former Chicago Wendell Phillips track and football sensation, carried the University of Illinois banner to second place. Young broke the 45-yard dash record with the same time in the semi-final of the sprint.

Capt. Bob Kelley, another Illini track star, paced second in the 600 yard run, which was taken by Robert Ufor of Michigan in 1:13.2. Herb McKenley, Boston College, was third.

CLEVELAND— (A N P)—Three colored track stars showed their wares here Friday evening during the fourth annual Cleveland Knights of Columbus track meet when they won the 600 yard run and placed first and second in the 45 yard dash.

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Ed Conwell of New Yorw university, AAU 60 yard champion, set a new world's indoor record for the 45-yard dash with a time of 4.7 seconds, which was one-tenth of a second faster than the mark set by Herb Thompson of Jersey City.

Negro Frosh Drake Relay Sensation

Courier-Journal Louisville, Ky

4-30-44

Illini Youth Wins 4 Events To Steal Show

Des Moines, April 29 (AP)—Illinois' sensational 17-year-old freshman, Claude "Buddy" Young, became the work-horse of the Drake relays today by engaging in four smashing triumphs.

The stocky, powerfully-built Negro, competing in his first major outdoor competition, defeated seven rivals in the 100-yard dish with comparative ease, captured the broad jump and ran as anchor man in two fo the four relays Illinois won.

FIRST TIME

Young's performance was acclaimed by a crowd of 8,200 spectators watching the running of the third successive war time carnival and the thirty-fifth since it was inaugurated.

Young first won the broad jump with a leap of 22 feet, 4¼ inches and then captured the 100 in 9.8 seconds. Although handicapped by lack of outdoor practice, he mad a show of his field in the century, which he ran for the first time as a collegian.

Illinois used only seven men in winning four relays and two individual championships.

COMPELS

The same four Illinois runners, with Young at anchor in each case, won the 440 and half-mile university relays. The runners, besides Young, were David Best, Richard Young (no relation to Buddy), and Marce Gonzalez.

Cadet Bob Steuber of the Iowa Pre-Flight School competed in the shot put and javelin despite a threat by Daniel Ferris, executive secretary of the National A.A.U., to view as professionals all athletes competing against him. Steuber failed to place in either event.

Ferris had ruled Steuber ineligible because he played professional football with the Chicago Bears las', season.

Discus—Don Welcher, Drake; 137.20 feet.

Broad jump—Claude Young, Illinois; 22 feet, 4¼ inches.

Four-mile university and college relay—Iowa State (Ralph Ratan, Frank Deane, Henry Schwenk, William Arlen. Time, 18:51.5.

Half-mile college relay—Western Michigan (Richard Behler, Henry Fonde, Allen Dow, Robert Epperson). Time, 1:34.

Half-mile university relay—Illinois (David Best, Marce Gonzalez, Richard Young, Claude Young). Time, 1:28.6.

120-yard high hurdles—Harold Fisher, Miami University. Time, :15.

Invitational 440-yard dash—Henry Altepeter, Northwestern. Time, :49.3.

100-yard dash—Claude Young, Illinois. Time, :09.8. 4-30-44

Two-Mile University Relay—Purdue (Donald Weber, Bert Butts, Jack Exler, Bill Beille). Time—8:01.4.

Two-Mile College Relay—Peru, Neb., State Teachers. Time—8:51.9.

440-Yard University Relay — Illinois (David Best, Richard Young, Marce Gonzalez, Claude Young). Time—:43.1.

High Jump—Ken Wiesner, Marquette, 6 feet, 2⅛ inches.

Sprint Medley University Relay—Illinois (Marce Gonzalez, Laverence Campbell, Richard Young, Robert Kelley). Time—3:31.1.

Two-Mile University and College Run—Frank Martin, Notre Dame. Time—10:11.8.

Distance medley university and college relay—Notre Dame (Dale Wares, Frank Eck, Mike Kiely, Frank Martin). Time 11:21.3.

Sprint medley college relay—Western Michigan Teachers (Robert Maloney), Robert Epperson, Byford Barr, Charles Rice). Time 3:45.5.

Shot put—Bill Bangert, Missouri, 47 feet, 11⅛ inches.

Pole vault—Cornelius Warmerdam, Monmouth, Ill., Pre-Flight, 14 feet, 7¾ inches.

Javelin throw—James Eby, Iowa Pre-Flight, 188.28 feet.

One-mile university relay — Illinois (Robert Hinkle, Richard Young, Marce Gonzalez, Robert Kelley. Time 3:21.1.

One-mile college relay—Western Michigan (Robert Maloney, Allen Dow, Richard Behler, Charles Rice. Time 3:39.7.

Young Best Since Jesse Owens

Daily World Atlanta, Ga.

CHAMPAIGN, Ill. (SNS) — Wilfrid Smith, covering the quadrangular track meet here Saturday for the Chicago Tribune commented as follows: 5-23-44

"Not since 1935 has the midwest produced a sprinter who can be compared to Owens. Buddy Young is that athlete.

"Buddy's two sprint marks were all the more remarkable because of today's chilly weather. More over, this is his freshman year in university competition, and his second outdoor appearance of the season. After today's performance, and with the background of an indoor campaign in which he twice tied the world's 60 yard dash record, no one can deny that Young will dominate all college sprinters in 1944.

Negro Is First In Marathon In Texas Field

HONDO ARMY AIR FIELD, Hondo, Tex.—(S N S)—Leading a field of 23 rugged navigation cadets laden with full field infantry packs and Army rifles, Aviation Cadet Albert L. Gaines, 20 of 430 Clinton Street, Buffalo, New York, annexed first place in a colorful endurance marathon staged July 4 at Hondo Army Air Field, huge navigation airbase of the AAF Training Command.

Young Gaines, representing the airbase's Group III and Hondo Field's second all-Negro squadron stepped off the estimated mile and eight-tenths in 11 minutes, 54 seconds.

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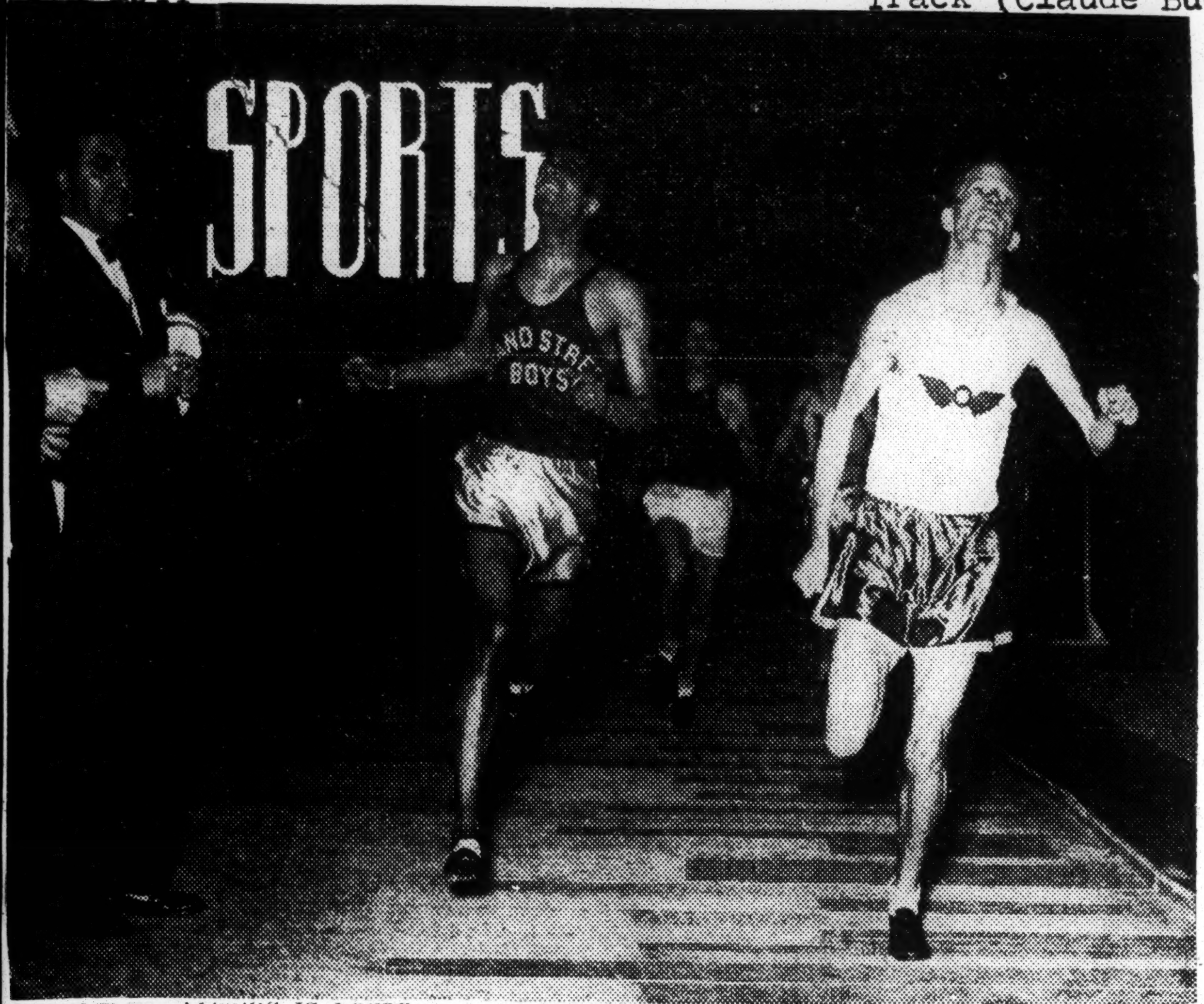
Track (Claude Buddy Young)



"HE WHO FALTERS IS LOST" says an old proverb and now Jim Herbert knows how true it is. After overtaking Johnny Fulton in the stretch of the "600" last Saturday in the Garden he faltered for a brief second fifteen yards from the tape but that's all hard running Fulton needed to pass him and win. This he did with a relish in 1:12.1.

People's Voice New York, N.Y. 2-12-44

Young, Dugger Win; Herbert Loses; Kid Flyer Steals Millrose Show

By BOSTIC, PV SPORTS EDITOR

While two speedsters from the University of Illinois—Claude Young and Robert Kelley—plus Ed Dugger came up with the headline performances among the Negro entries in the Millrose meet in the Garden Saturday night opening the indoor season, it remained for a mite of a 12-year-old youngster to set the addicts in the jam packed arena on their collectice ear as he uncorked the most spectacular individual effort of the night in coming from far back in the ruck to anchor a snappy PSAL relay team from the Charles E. Young Center in Harlem to a thrilling 4-lap relay victory.

Capable running by Negro members of two other relay teams played large part in their victories. The Callender twins—Stanley and Marty—ran excellent middle legs as the NYU team scored over Notre Dame and Army. John Roxborough ran the third leg for the winning Michigan two-mile conquest of Rochester, Dartmouth and Penn State.

HERBERT FALTERS

Big disappointment of the night came when Jim Herbert faltered ten y... from the tape in the "600" and was passed by Johnny Fulton, the West Coast speeder, whom he had overtaken just beyond the last turn going into the stretch. The whole story of this race can be told in a few words, viz.: "Fulton was just to full of running." He negotiated the distancē in the creditable time of 1:12.1. People's Voice, N.Y., N.Y.

Corp. Josh Williamson had to be content with a second place tie in the high jump event as Bil Vessie's 6 ft. 6 in. was too good for the 6 ft. 4 in. of Williamson and Artie Byrnes.

Running the anchor leg of a four lap relay race young Wiggs, looking for all the world like a brown member of the Singer midget troupe, received the baton from team mate Wilson Morgan with a twenty-five yard deficit facing him. In a thoroughly business like fashion he lit out as if he were being pursued by an uncompromising truant officer and ten yards from home overtook his man to win by a comfortable margin as the big arena rocked in tumultous applause for his effort. 2-12-'44

YOUNG PROVES METTLE

Claude Young, in winning the "60" proved himself not only a bullet like flyer, but a competitor with a magnificent mess of moxie. In this all Negro final, he toed the mark against Barney Ewell, Herb Thompson, Ed Conwell, which is about as tough a field as could be gathered up, even in peace times. Reaching the forty yard mark it had narrowed down to Young and Ewell and these two were blanketed for the other twenty yards. At the fifty-five yard mark Ewell, winner of the event in the past two years, looked the brash newcomer straight in the eyes made that $64 inquiry. Claude had the answer, which was to raise an eyelash for a winning margin. This he did and handed Ewell a 6.2 as a receipt for his trimming. Conwell took the show spot.

Dugger, a trifle late in getting off at the start, got the throttle wide open at the half way mark to overtake Tom Todd and then went on to win going away in 7.6.

KELLEY BLAZES 2-12-44

Bob Kelley's 50.1 anchor leg wiping out a near 20 yd. deficit all but set the Garden pine track on fire as he wheeled around the quarter to overtake his man 30 yards from the tape to give the Illini victory over Columbia and Dartmouth in that order. Time was 3.27.8.

Both favorites failed in the mile and two miles as Gil Dodds and Jim Rafferty showed their heels to the favored Bill Hulse and Ollie Hunter. Dodds did his trick in 4:10.6; Rafferty breezed in 9:13.5.

Illinois, Young Picked to Win

Courier-Journal

Louisville, Ky. 6-10-44

Negro Star, Favored In 4 Events, May Tally 40 Points for Illini

Milwaukee, June 9 (AP)—Unless unexpected trouble overhauls Freshman Buddy Young tomorrow, Illinois figures to bring N.C.A.A. track and field glory back to the Big Ten for the first time since 1932.

The spectacular Illini Negro is more than a mild favorite in both dash events, the broad jump and the low hurdles. Under the N.C.A.A. scoring system giving 10 points for first places, Illinois would have a 40-point backlog with Young fulfilling expectations, which with contributions from Captain Bob Kelley in the quarter and half-mile events, probably would be enough to account for the title.

3D TITLE

Southern California's Trojans, who have monopolized the championship for nine years, will not be present to defend. The anticipated triumph for Young and Co. would give Illinois its third N.C.A.A. title, the Illini having won the inaugural test in 1921 and repeating in 1927. Indiana was the last Big Ten school to win, taking the title in 1932.

Notre Dame, with a 19-man squad, is expected to land in the runnerup position. 6-10-44

Michigan's Big Ten champions, who probably could have made a close, exciting team struggle of the meet, will be represented by only a small delegation. Ross and Bob Hume, co-champions in the one mile run, will try for their ninth straight dead-heat victory, and on the basis of their 4:14.6 performances in the Central Collegiate Conference meet last week, are favored.

ONE CHAMP

Only one defending champion, Fred Sheffield of Utah, who won the high jump last year, will return. Sheffield is favored to repeat, although he probably will get a tussle from Ken Wiesner of Marquette.

On the basis of season's performances no alterations are expected in the meet's gaudy list of records. Usually a two-day event, this 23d edition will be packed into an afternoon and evening show in Marquette Stadium. Finals in the javelin and discus will be held in the afternoon.

Buddy Young Races Illinois To Victory

Memphis World—Memphis, Tenn.

6-6-44

CHAMPAIGN, Ill.—(A N P)—Claude (Buddy) Young, sensational Illini track star from Chicago's Wendell Phillips High school, again paced his teammates to the brink of victory when he registered three triumphs to give the University of Illinois track team second place honors in the 44th Western conference track meet at Memorial stadium Saturday.

Two Illinois mishaps may have been responsible for Michigan's 20th victory in Western conference competition. The first accident abruptly ended Young's bid for his fourth individual triumph that would have given him 20 points and a tie in the all-time records with Jesse Owens of Ohio State. "Buddy," who was leading by 10 yards, hit the last of the low hurdles and failed to finish. The other Illini misfortune was when John Johnson, lead-off man in the mile relay, dropped his baton, lost 75 yards and thereby forfeited any chance for victory. 6-6-44

Until the last two track events the athletes had perfect conditions. Young won the 100 yard sprint in the excellent time of :09.7 and snatched the furlong in :21.3. By his morning qualifying mark of 22 feet 10 inches, "Buddy" maintained his broad jump supremacy without having to compete in the finals. Track experts attribute Young's mishap in the 220 yard low hurdles to his short stride.

Capt. Ben Kelley, Illini track team captain, won two events, the 440 yard dash and the half mile. Kelley won his 440 yard dash in :48.1 and the half mile in 1:54. He ran his fastest quarter and half miles in his three years of cmpetition.

"60" Mark Tied By Young Again

Philadelphia Tribune — Philadelphia, Pa.

3-11-44

CHAMPAIGN, Ill.,—Michigan's veteran track team won seven firsts and the mile relay as Illinois lost its first dual meet of the season, 66 1-3 to 37 2-3, before 2000, the largest indoor crowd to see a meet here in several years.

Claud (Buddy) Young, Illinois star, won the 60-yard dash in 6.1 seconds to equal the world record for the second time this season. He won the broad jump on a 23-foot, 3-inch leap and the 70-yard low hurdles in eight seconds flat for 15 of Illinois' points and the individual scoring honors.

But otherwise it was virtually all Michigan. The Wolverines' Ross Hume and Bob Hume set the pace by winning the mile in a dead heat and in addition Bob took the two mile and Ross the half-mile. 3-11-44

The expected quarter-mile duel between Michigan's Bob Ufer and Illinois' Bob Kelley materialized with the Wolverine star winning by two yards after Kelley had challenged him with three-quarters of the race run.

John Roxborough, Michigan half-miler and Conference indoor champion, has been inducted into the Army and missed facing Kelley in the '880,' but teammate Ross Hume carried on, nosing out Kelley.

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Tunney Discovers a Threat to Louis' Crown In Seaman on Duty in Pacific Battle Area

2-6-44

Times-New York, N.Y.

By The United Press.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 5—Comdr. Gene Tunney of the Navy came back from his recent tour of Pacific battlefronts with a bit of news about a hitherto unheard-of American boxer which should be of interest to Sgt. Joe Louis of the Army.

There's a fellow in the Navy named Michen, or maybe Micher, Tunney disclosed tonight, who may conceivably take a poke one day at Louis' heavyweight boxing crown—the same crown which Tunney himself wore from 1926 to 1928.

Tunney toured the Pacific theatre with things other than boxing on his mind. His primary purpose was to check up on the physical fitness of sailors and marines, which happens to be of a high order.

But he couldn't help paying attention when, at Noumea in New Caledonia, he saw this fellow Michen, or Micher, in the ring. Tunney either was too excited by what he saw or too busy to get all the vital statistics about the boxer. And the Navy, not having much to go on, hasn't been able thus far to identify him more fully. 2-6-44

Tunney, however, did find out this much: Michen, if that's his name, is a seaman on duty in the South Pacific. He is 20 years old and 6 feet 2½ inches tall. He weighs about 195 pounds, has a wallop, and is a hard man to lay a glove on. As Tunney put it:

"He's a mighty good boxer and he hates to get hit."

The Army, oddly enough—perhaps because of its vested interest in Louis—was the first branch of the service to break the news that Tunney had discovered a new heavyweight threat. 2-6-44

An Army public relations officer encountered Tunney on Bougainville Island, where the 46-year-old former champion amazed everyone by the ease with which he negotiated the hardest jungle trail in the Solomons. The Army man's interview with Tunney was released by the War Department here. 2-6-44

Tunney said Michen also had impressed another former fighter who saw him—Seaman 1-C Tom Heeney, former New Zealand boxer, who now is giving glove instruction and staging bouts in the Solomons.

"Heeney told me that if he and Michen were not in service," Tunney said, "he'd devote all his time to training this boy."

Should Michen develop as Tunney and Heeney believe he may his career in many respects would parallel Tunney's. Tunney got his boxing start as a marine in World War I. In that war he won the light heavyweight championship of the AEF. He turned professional after the war and in 1926 won the heavyweight championship from Jack Dempsey.

In his interview with the Army man, Tunney revealed that he almost sailed on the submarine Wahoo's last mission. The skipper of the long overdue and presumed lost submarine, Comdr. M. C. (Mush) Norton, was a friend of Tunney's and invited him to make the cruise. 2-6-44

"At the last minute," Tunney reported, "I found I was unable to make the trip."

Sgt. Joe Louis Would Like To Take On Conn Again After The War

News-Birmingham, Ala.

1-10-44

JACKSONVILLE, Fla.—(AP)—Sgt Joe Louis, duration heavyweight boxing champion, won't hang up his gloves if he is in his early thirties when the war is over, he said Monday.

Joe is 29 now.

"I'd like to fight Corp. Billy Conn once more," Louis told an interviewer at the naval air station here where he referred several service bouts. "I think I could give him a better fight."

The champion said he weighs 215 now and that his best fighting weight is 205.

"I weighed 195 pounds in my fight with Conn, which was my lowest weight in defending the title," he explained. "I don't believe I'll have any trouble in getting down to 205 in the normal training period for a fight." 1-10-44

Joe pointed out that men over 30 have won the crown in the past.

"Fitzsimmons and Jefferies were both around 35 and Braddock was near 30."

Regardless of whether he fights again, Louis said he would like to remain associated with boxing.

"I owe boxing everything," he declared. "I would like to stay in the game and give young men the benefit of what I have learned. I would like to be of some help to them."

Sgt. Joe Louis in London, An Immediate Hit with English

The Worker - New York, N.Y.

4-16-44

By Phil Gordon

Staff Sgt. Joe Louis arrived in London this week on his special morale mission for the United States Army and as is true wherever he goes, he made an immediate hit with the soldiers of the United Nations.

Sgt. Louis, who is also heavyweight champion of the world, will box exhibitions with his veteran sparmate, Sgt. George Nicholson and will tour all the camps on the Isles. After that he is scheduled to visit the Mediterranean theater of war for similar exhibitions.

This is Louis' first trip outside of the United States and one of the first things he did was to visit Westminster Abbey.

His arrival was cause of great excitement all through England with the news getting large front page stories.

One of the first questions the Britishers asked was whether Louis was going to meet the heavyweight champion of the Kingdom, Freddie Mills. Louis replied that he wasn't going to, that his first foe after the defeat of the Axis, would be Billy Conn.

"All boxing titles have been frozen for the duration so it's natural that they also freeze the contenders. And Conn is still the No 1 contender," said Joe.

British boxing writers, most of them seeing the Negro champion for the first time, hung on Joe's every motion, his every blow as he went through a couple of rounds of sparring with Nicholson. They were amazed at his speed and his counter-punching ability.

After he had finished, the writers crowded around asking questions right and left. One of them asked Nicholson what he thought of Joe as a fighter NOW. Was he slower? Was his hitting prowess still devastating? Was he smarter? 4-16-44

Nicholson, who has fought more rounds with Louis than any other living man, was quick to reply: "In my opinion," he said, "Louis is much smarter and faster than he was a few years ago. Today Louis is 'cuter'. He knows how to move around a man, setting him up for a left hook or a right cross. His punch is as it always was, terrific. All in all I'd say he is a better fighter now than he has ever been in the past, despite the fact he's crowding 30 years."

Sgt. Louis will probably box his exhibitions before something like a million troops—of all the United Nations that have men in Britain.

MATE CALLS LOUIS IMPROVED RINGMAN

Times-New York, N.Y.

Nicholson, Training Camp Aide, Lauds Skill of Champion—Joe Boxes in London

4-12-44

LONDON, April 11 (AP)—Has Army life cost Sgt. Joe Louis Barrow, in private life Heavyweight Champion Joe Louis, any of his fistic ability?

George Nicholson, who probably has survived more of the Brown Bomber's explosives than any other person, doesn't think so and is of the definite opinion that Louis is getting better and better.

Nicholson, from Yonkers, N. Y., is part of the six-man troupe that reached London with Louis today for a morale-building tour of United States service camps in the British Isles. They reached Britain Saturday.

In pre-war days, Nicholson was a regular spar-mate in the champion's training camps and has fought thousands of rounds with Louis. In addition, he has just finished a tour of 118 Army camps in the United States where he and Joe entertained troops with ring exhibitions.

Time to Rest Welcome

"Right now Joe is moving better than ever," insisted Nicholson, who also is a sergeant. Nicholson said he enjoyed the transatlantic trip because it gave him a few days to heal the bumps picked up in the United States jaunt.

"Joe is getting cute now and can move an opponent around and spin him. I guess he is thinking of Billy Conn—and he is not going to let Billy outstep him the next time they meet." 4-12-44

This "next time" with the Pittsburgh boxer who came within seven minutes of taking Louis' crown away from him in 1941 is the first item of business on Louis' calendar after the war.

At a press interview today, during which Louis made a big hit with British reporters, the Brown Bomber said he did not plan to meet Freddie Mills, holder of the British Empire light-heavyweight crown, while here as had been hoped by British sportsmen.

Now Weighs 215 Pounds

Louis, who weighed 215 pounds today, said he thought the first crack at his title belonged to Conn.

"Since all titles are frozen for the duration, I think all positions as leading challengers should be frozen, and Billy is No. 1," Louis concluded before hopping into the ring for a two-minute show with Tommy Ireland, 48-year-old local heavyweight. 4-12-44

The champion and Nicholson, who has expanded to 230 pounds, then followed with a two-round exhibition that brought cheers from some 300 GI's.

Louis' arrival shared the front pages of London's evening newspapers with the war. The Evening Star carried a two-column picture of Louis and Nicholson at the top of page one.

Heavyweight Joe Louis And Troupe Here For Exhibitions

Advertiser - Montgomery, Ala. 1-4-44

Sergt. Joe Louis, heavyweight champion of the world, will show his fistic wares tonight at 7 o'clock in Hangar 2 at Maxwell Field, to combined Maxwell and Gunter Field personnel in perhaps the greatest boxing show ever held at the Base.

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In charge of the troup will be Lieut. Lindsay J. Crawford, of the War Department Bureau of Public Relations, Washington, D. C.

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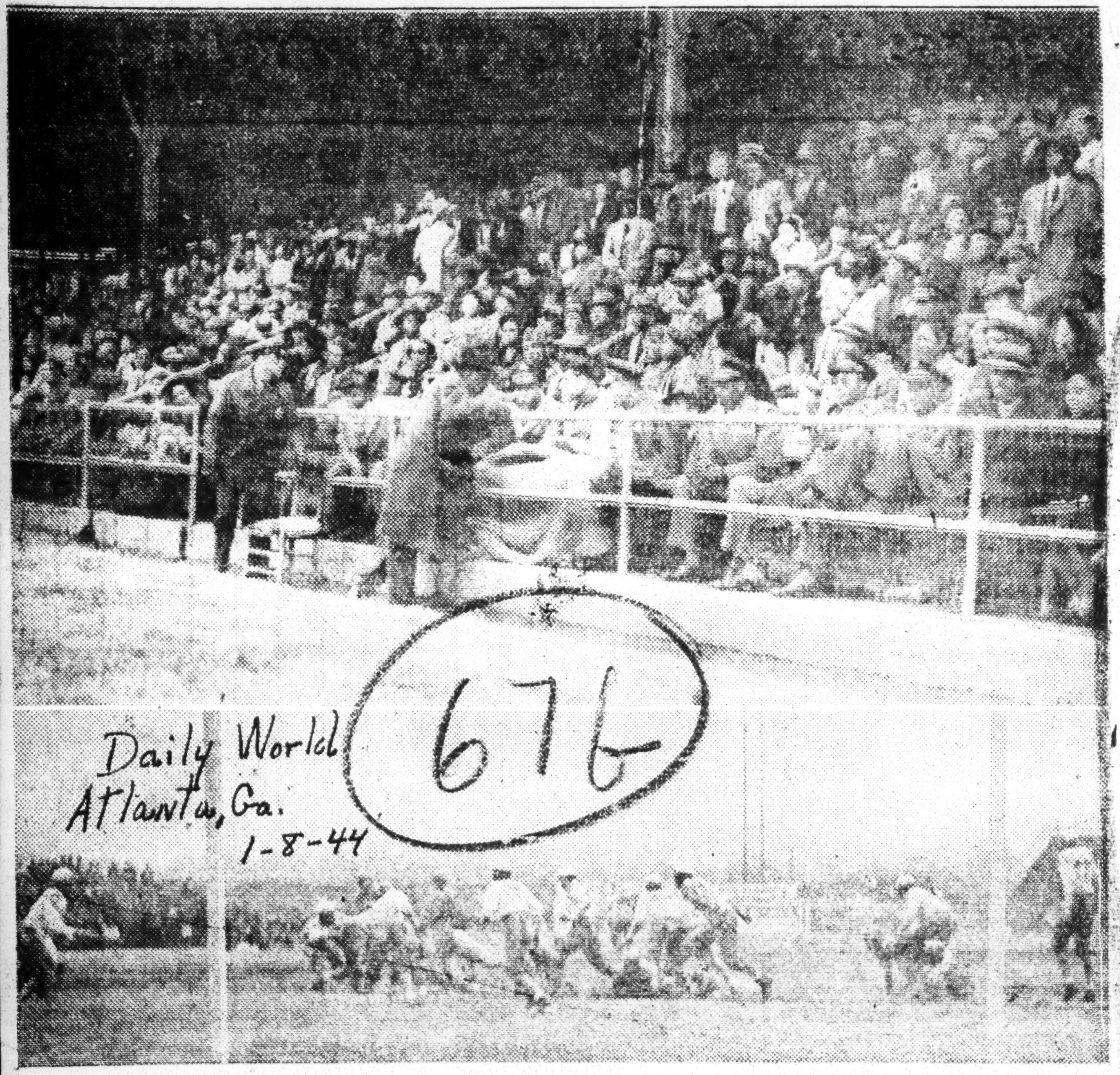

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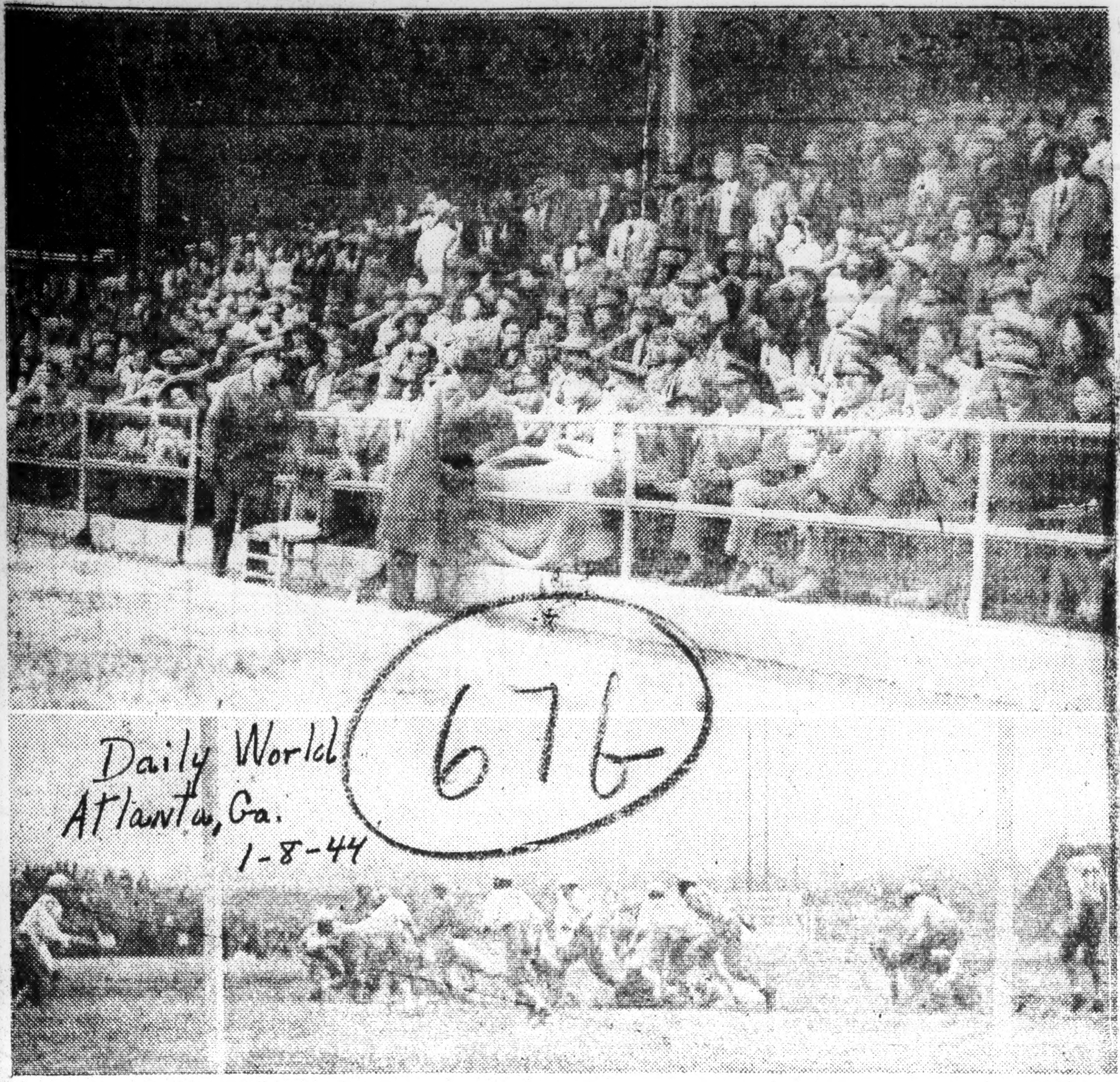

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Next Champ Won't Be a 4-F, Grins Furlough-Bound Joe Louis

Free Press – Detroit, Mich.

BY JACK CUDDY
United Press Correspondent

NEW YORK—Staff Sgt. Joe Louis, just back from more than six months in the European and African war areas, was asked if he thought that the next heavyweight champion would emerge from the armed forces.

"He certainly won't be no 4-F," Big Joe responded, thereby pitching the tone of his official interview at Army Special Service Headquarters. The heavyweight king was in excellent humor.

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WHAT ARE Joe's plans for the future?

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Joe grinned and left-jabbed: "The future in the Army is a furlough. That's the future I'm thinking about right now. Goin' down to Camp Sibert, Ala., and maybe I can git me a furlough before I'm reassigned someplace."

What did he think of Freddy Mills, the highly-touted British heavyweight?

Joe said, "I saw Mills box two exhibitions. He was on the same card I was. Well, this Mills draws his fist back for a left hook, like openin' a taxi door. And he uses his right hand like Carl Hubbell used to pitch a screw ball with his left."

The Brown Bomber gave the impression that Mills wasn't so hot.

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Associated Press Wirephoto
JOE LOUIS

Brown Bomber jokes . . .

JOE ARRIVED by plane at LaGuardia Field Tuesday morning after boxing 42 exhibitions in England, 27 in Italy and four in Afria. He was accompanied by Capt. Fred L. Maly, of the Special Service Division, who had charge of the tour.

Before going overseas the champion had trekked about the United States for 14 months, giving 123 exhibitions for service men. Capt. Maly estimated that Joe had appeared before more than 2,000,000 service men at home and abroad.

How did Joe like England?

"I was exposed to a lotta tea over there—besides the buzz bombs," he said. "Had buzz bombs 12 straight nights. Didn't sleep too good durin' the bombin's, but nothin' kin keep me from sleepin' entirely."

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Louis is one of the most magnificent, all-out sleepers ever to toss leather.

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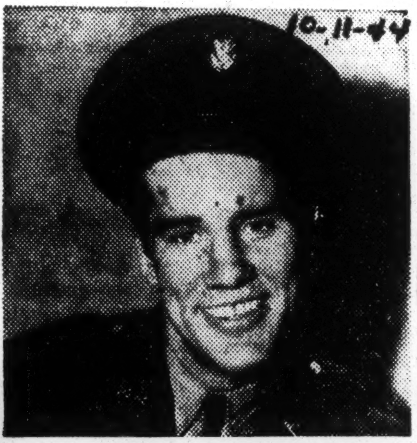
JOE SPENT two days in England with Billy Conn, his top opponent before the war. He said that Conn looked bigger and heavier than when he entered the Army. While Joe and Billy were flying from one encampment to another, a landing wheel on their plane got stuck.

"Billy and me kept thinkin'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. . . about rematch with challenger how tough it would be on Uncle Mike Jacobs if our plane cracked up—and Mike couldn't put on our return bout after the war," Louis said.

The champ, who scales about 215 pounds—only 10 over his normal fighting weight—emphasized that he intends defending his title when the war is over.

"I'll only be 31 next year," he explained. "Y'awl know how late heavyweights mature—Jess Willard didn't win the title till he was 36."

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BOXERS WHO had accompanied Louis and Capt. Maly on tour—including George Nicholson, Bob Smith, California Jackie Wilson and Jimmy Edgar—will return later.

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The two best heavies Louis saw while overseas were Johnny Ebarb, of Oakland, Calif., of the Army Air Forces—an amateur, and George (Baby Dutch) Culberson, a Brooklyn Negro in the Army who has had some pro experience.

Louis Becomes World's Longest Ring Title Bearer

Daily World – Atlanta, Ga.
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CHICAGO—(A N P) — Although now serving in the armed forces, Joe Louis has become the world's longest heavyweight boxing champion. He, according to official boxing records, has topped Dempsey's tenure as titleholder by holding the coveted crown for seven years and three months.

Since winning the championship here in Comiskey park on June 22, 1937, from Jim Braddock, Louis has established the reputation of being always ready to fight all comers. Records disclose that he has placed his crown on the line 21 times, which is 15 times more than Jack Dempsey. 10-8-44

The list of Joe's ring opponents are too long for him to recall by memory and probably none of them impressed him except Tony Galento and Billy Conn, whom a few think would have captured his title if the war had been delayed, while the majority believe that they only aroused his curosity by their cocky confidence or bombastic manner. While the rest are definitely inferior to Louis, there is no reason to assume that the war is a contributing factor to his long reign of the heavies.

Joe made his last ring appearance two years ago. What Army life has done to his fighting ability remains a question. He is still the champion. He will be champion for the duration and probably for a long time after the duration, since the current crop of prominent heavies appear to be largely in Joe's shoes of having to postpone their ring engagements until the end of the duration.

HEAVYWEIGHT CHAMPION RETURNS

Times – New York, N.Y. 10-11-44

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Sgt. Joe Louis has a bottle of milk at La Guardia Field

Associated Press (U. S. Army Air Forces)

JOE LOUIS RETURNS AFTER LONG TOUR

Times – New York, N.Y.
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Champion, in 14-Month Trip of 30,000 Miles, Entertained 2,000,000 Service Men

By LOUIS EFFRAT

A little older, a little heavier but a lot funnier and more loquacious than ever before, Staff Sgt. Joe Louis, heavyweight champion of the world, returned here yesterday and told all about his fourteen-month trip that covered this country, England, Scotland, Ireland, Italy, Africa and other points of interest. In a mass interview at the Army's special service headquarters, Louis, a champion in more ways than one, had his audience figuratively rolling in the aisles.

They, meaning the GI's, adored Louis everywhere he stopped, whether it was to engage in one of his 196 exhibition bouts at a forward base, front line or rest camp or to exchange quips, act in skits or just talk in hospitals and other places. According to Capt. Fred V. Maly of San Antonio, Tex., the officer in charge of the tour, Louis, who survived twelve successive nights of buzz-bombing in London, was a tremendous hit, a real trouper and soldier, a morale-lifter of the highest order. 10-11-44

After Captain Maly, sports editor of The San Antonio News-Express before he entered the service, had told of the background of the trip, which covered more than 30,000 miles, where Louis went, what he did and how he was received, the champion himself took over. And how!

Same Old Modesty

It was the same old modest Louis, with the same sense of humor that few on the outside realize Joe possesses. Of course, it was not all fun, but the bon mots the champion got off produced many a laugh. For instance, after Louis had said he would like to defend his title if the war is over soon enough, one fellow in the room inquired of Joe what he would consider "soon enough."

"Oh, next week some time," was Louis' reply.

Just then Joe spotted a sports writer, who had recently been discharged from the Army, speaking with a colonel. In a flash Joe told the scribe to "take your hands out of your pockets when you speak to a colonel. Have you forgotten so soon?"

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Louis said he had run across a number of good boys, but two were outstanding. They were Johnny Ebarb of Oakland, Calif., and George Culberson, a hard-hitting Brooklynite. A heavyweight named Bryson (first name unknown), who won the North African championship, has the best reputation among the soldiers, Joe said, although he had not seen him in action.

Two Tough Sessions

Then, too, Joe put the gloves on with Elzria Thompson, Cleveland heavyweight, and it was the experienced Thompson who gave the champion two of the toughest sessions on the trip.

Then Joe expected the next heavyweight king to emerge from the service? 10-11-44

"You don't think a 4-F'er is going to win, do you?" Joe retorted with a hearty chuckle.

Abroad, Joe spent two days with Billy Conn, who has put on an awful lot of weight, and somewhere in Italy he bumped into Primo Carnera's former trainer. The report, as Joe heard it, was that Carnera is still alive and somewhere in Italy, but no one seemed to know exactly where.

Concerning Freddie Mills, the heavyweight hope of the British, Louis said he was not at all worried. "He throws a right hand from way back here and a left hand like Carl Hubbell used to throw a screwball," Joe said with a laugh. Incidentally, he learned that his favorite Tigers had lost the American League flag on the day it happened and was sick for a time. "And I had to fight that night, too," he shuddered.

Will Leave for Alabama

Louis, weighing 215, some ten pounds over his best fighting poundage, plans to leave for Camp Siebert, Ala., today. He is to be assigned to the special services athletic branch there and then he will be looking forward to a furlough.

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The champion and his group, which included George Nicholson and Bob Smith, appeared before approximately 2,000,000 service men, Captain Maly said. They ate C-rations and K-rations most of the time, but when they got to Italy Loeut. Gen. Mark Clark's Negro chef, a Louis rotter from 'way back, recognized the champion and took good care of him in the knife-and-fork league. "Whenever I wanted a good meal, steak, etc., I made certain to stay close to Joe," the captain laughed.

Also in Italy, Louis was recognized by six German prisoners, who besieged the titleholder, seeking autographs, handshakes and backslaps. In the front line, Louis did some actual shooting one day, pulling the lanyard of a big gun. The next day the same gun blew up and killed a number of our own men.

"He's a wonderful guy," Captain Maly summed up.

Joe Louis Finds Threats To Title

Post—Washington, D.C.

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By United Press.

NEW YORK, Oct. 11.—Staff Sgt. Joe Louis, world heavyweight boxing champion, arriving by plane after a seven-month tour of European fighting fronts, said yesterday he had met two American soldiers in Italy who offered a definite threat to his title after the war.

The Negro boxer, who fought exhibitions in England, Ireland, Scotland, North Africa and Sardinia, arrived at LaGuardia Field with Capt. Fred L. Maly. The other eight men in his tour, including trainers and preliminary fighters, who made the tour, did not accompany him home.

Louis said he had forgotten the names of the American soldiers, but that the American sports public definitely would be hearing about them as soon as the war is over.

He said he would stop at his hotel residence in Harlem before going to Washington for reassignment.

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The return of the boxer shortly before the opening of the Sixth War Loan renewed speculation that he might be used in a series of appearances about the nation to aid bond sales.

In this Corner

Daily Worker—New York, N.Y.

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Sgt. Joe Louis, World Citizen, Is Home Again

Bill Mardo

It was an older, more mature Joe Louis who sat before a flock of reporters at the offices of the Army Special Services headquarters here in New York, just several hours after alighting from a plane which carried him back from North Africa.

King Joe was home—home after many months of overseas boxing exhibitions in England, Africa and Italy. This universally beloved person is now truly a citizen of the world. He'd spent a little while with the Fifth Army in Italy and even helped blast some artillery into the Gothic Line. Twelve nights of robot-bombing in England was also part of his amazing agenda which brought him before some two-million admiring doughboys all over the world.

Staff Sgt. Joe Louis, only ten pounds above his best fighting weight, had a lot to tell the sports scribes surrounding him at 25 W. 43rd St. And as he spoke with his usual simple eloquence, you could feel the tremendous growth of Joe Louis the man.

What probably affected Joe most on his tour was the realization of how much he means to our soldiers. An American aviator, badly burned and nearly blind, wanted his bandages removed when Joe visited the hospital, so that he could see the champ. Bandages were lifted gently, the injured airman looked at the quiet Negro champion . . . and smiled contentedly.

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At another American base hospital, one terribly wounded soldier was on his way to the operating room, but before the doctor was going to remove shrapnel from his stomach, wouldn't they please let him see Joe Louis? The champ was brought in, and the kid was happier.

"Those two boys are what I remember most," Louis said soberly. They made me feel like I was doing something. I enver heard how they made out, but I wish I knew. Talk about courage. Those fellows in the hospital, they've got it. A kind of courage that's real."

Sgt. Joe Louis, who'd rather meet those Nazis face to face than put on exhibitions, is nonetheless convinced now that he's been given an important job: "The boys like it. I know they like it and so I like it, too. Maybe later I can box for the sailors."

Possessed of a razor-sharp wit, Joe time and again had the writers roaring as he interspersed his remarks with some extemporaneous gags that he tossed off with the same snappy suddenness that has always featured his punching speed. When asked if he thought the next heavyweight champion would come out of the Army, Joe grinned: "You don't think a 4-F can win the championship, do you?"

Joe told the reporters that he'd like to defend his title if the war ends soon enough. What did he mean by "soon enough," inquired one scribe.

"About next week," the champ chuckled.

But in a more serious vein, Louis confided that he has no immediate plans of hanging up the gloves once the war is won. "I've been keeping in good condition, and if you're in shape, a heavyweight can keep goin' till he's 35." Joe is only 30, which is the tipoff as to how long he thinks he can stay on top.

While Joe has tremendous respect for the fighting abilities of many soldiers he's sparred with, his impression of Freddie Mills, the English heavyweight, wasn't too favorable.

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But they shouldn't have been too astonished. For Joe Louis is a fighting man and people like him prefer to see Nazis close-up.

Joe Louis Boxing Show Swings Into Italy; Exhibitions Tops

Amsterdam News—New York, N.Y.

8-19-44

BY ART CARTER

(Amsterdam News Afro-American War Correspondent)

NAPLES.—S. Sgt. Joe Louis now swinging through Italy demonstrating his fistic fancy for the entertainment of the men and women in uniform, will soon have appeared before over two million GI's.

Joe and his troup who hit the million mark during his tour of the States, added 30,000 to it in England and some 50,000 soldiers turned out for the show in Casablanca, Oran and Algiers. In his first Italian exhibiton held in the beautiful garden of the old King's palace, the world champion had an overflow crowd rolling in the aisles with a 20-minute skit of wisecracks dished out by his troupe.

He will barnstorm in this theater for the next two months, visiting front line troops, hospitals and rest camps. Three times a week he dons gloves and boxes his old sparring mate, M. Sgt. George Nichloson, or any other GI opponent who wishes to try his luck against the Brown Bomber.

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Others in the troupe are S. Sgt. Robert Smith, S. Sgt. Jimmy Edgar, Sgt Jackie California Wilson, Sgt. Robert Payne, First Lt. Lindsay J. Crawford and Capt. Fred Maly, the lattter two are white. Maly is the officer in charge. The day the troupe hit Naples, the members were fortunate in meeting the USO show headed by Doc Wheeler and enjoyed an evening exchange of stories of their experiences. Others in the USO show are Ethel Wise, Washington concert singer; Sandra Lee, blues singer; Iva Bowen, tap dancer; Jack McGuire, pianist-accordionist. Wheeler is the former orchestra leader. Joe, who celebrated his 30th birthday last May 13, now tips the beam at 215—ten pounds over his best fighting weight. He still moves about with his masked expression, but has a new addition, a thin narrow moustache of which he seemed extremely proud. During his prodays the champion always wanted to grow a little hair on his upper lip, but somehow it refused to sprout. Now "it is really there," Joe says. The champion appeared deeply concerned over reports of illness of his manager, John Roxborough, but said confidently, "He will pull through."

Others in the troupe are in tiptop condition and are delighted to have the opportunity to entertain soldiers. All hope that the war is over soon so that they may get back to the boxing brigade before it is too late. Joe, in response to my question, declared, "I will be ready to defend my title when it is over, stay in good condition and all I will need is a reasonable training period."

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Louis Longest Heavy Champ

Afro American—Baltimore, Md.

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CHAMPION JOE LOUIS

3-1-44

The survival of the fittest starts a battle everywhere.
Men are fighting on the water, on the land and in the air.
Nations fighting against nations, men are fighting man to man,
Sympathizers and spectators all say, "Lick him if you can!"
Champion of the world's prize fighters is a man who knows the game.
That great pugilist, Joe Louis, fought from poverty to fame.

I could give you many reasons why I did not join the bets,
But each man who wins a battle has to fight for what he gets.
Every fellow in the conflict has to strut his onions now,
Each man tells his weaker brother "I am mightier than thou."
From the hills of Alabama this most humble farm boy came,
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Joe is one of the best heroes that the world has on her list.
He had no defense in battle save his muscles and his fist.
Louis did not do much talking but his actions told the tale.
Some one said Joe was just a minnow, but he proved to be a whale.
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God knew that this war-like spirit among men would cause a storm
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Joe Louis And Party Have Tea With Peerage

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British, French, Polish, Chinese and Russian soldiers attended the reception, which was widely acclaimed in the English press. Sergeant Louis was introduced as the first man of the Allied team to knock out a Nazi—a reference to his one-round plastering of Max Schmeling in 1937.

GETS AUTOGRAPH 7-27-44

Lord Leverhulme asked for and got Sergeant Louis's autograph for his granddaughter. It was the high point in a busy day for the champion who had been touring wards of the United States Army and Navy hospitals greeting wounded men evacuated from France.

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Members of the boxing troupe, with home addresses, follows:

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA: Washington—Staff Sergeant Willie J. Lewis, 1433 Corcoran Street, N. W.; Staff Sergeant Milton J. Noble, 431 Kenyon Street, N. W. Staff Sergeant LeRoy Burkley, 1622 O Street, Rear, N. W.

FLORIDA: Orlando — Corporal Herbert Williams, 243 South Division Street.

GEORGIA: Senoia—Private First Class William Calhoun; Atlanta—Private First Class Napoleon J. Simpson, 1028 Westmore Drive.

KANSAS: Gamden — Corporal Garland Hegwood, 742 South California Street.

KENTUCKY: Louisville — Staff Sergeant Addison I. Ramsey, 3416 Grand Avenue.

ILLINOIS: Chicago — Corporal Oliver M. Polk, 6152 Langley Avenue.

MICHIGAN: Detroit—First Sergeant John H. Brown, 2014 Brush Street.

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NORTH CAROLINA: Rocky Point —Sergeant Willie B. Nixon, Box 9.

PENNSYLVANIA: Philadelphia—First Sergeant Charles E. Nichols, 2350 Federal Street.

TENNESSEE: Nashville—Corporal Clarence C. Austin, 88 Lewis Street.

Joe Louis Back From Overseas

Telegraph — Macon, Ga.
10-12-44

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On his 14-month boxing tour, which included eight months of camp-visiting in the U. S., Louis appeared before almost 2,000,000 fighting men, said Capt. Fred Maly, conductor of the tour and former sports editor of the San Antonio Express. 10-12-44

The champion gave 123 exhibitions in ths country, 42 in England, 27 in Italy and four in Africa.

The champ said, "I expect to defend my title, if the war ends soon enough."

And what would be "soon enough?

"Next week would be soon enough," Joe laughed. "No kidding, I think I'm good for a long time. The Army is giving me a break with this tour, keeping me close to the game. And lots of fellows have been good heavyweights at 35 or 36."

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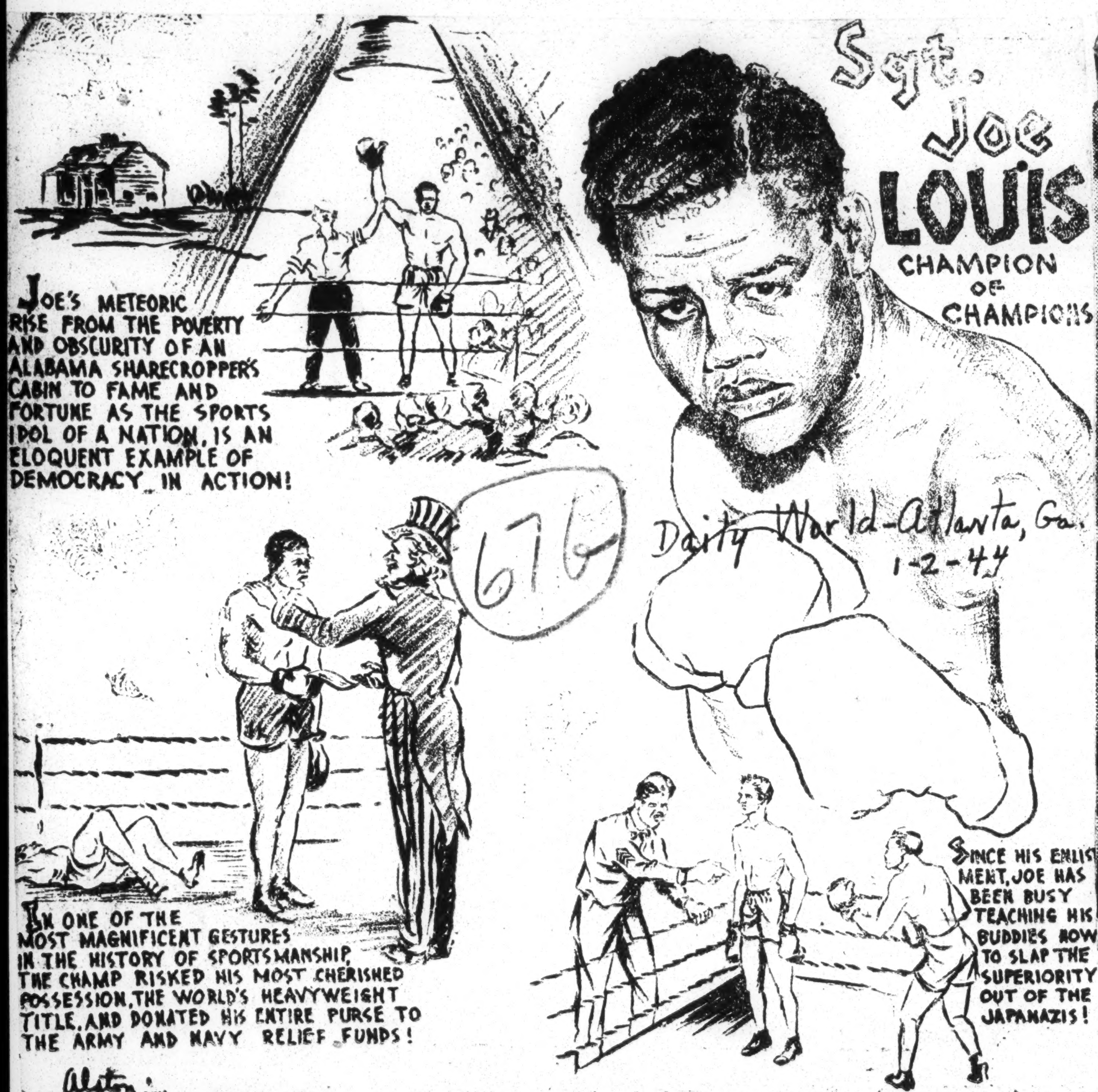
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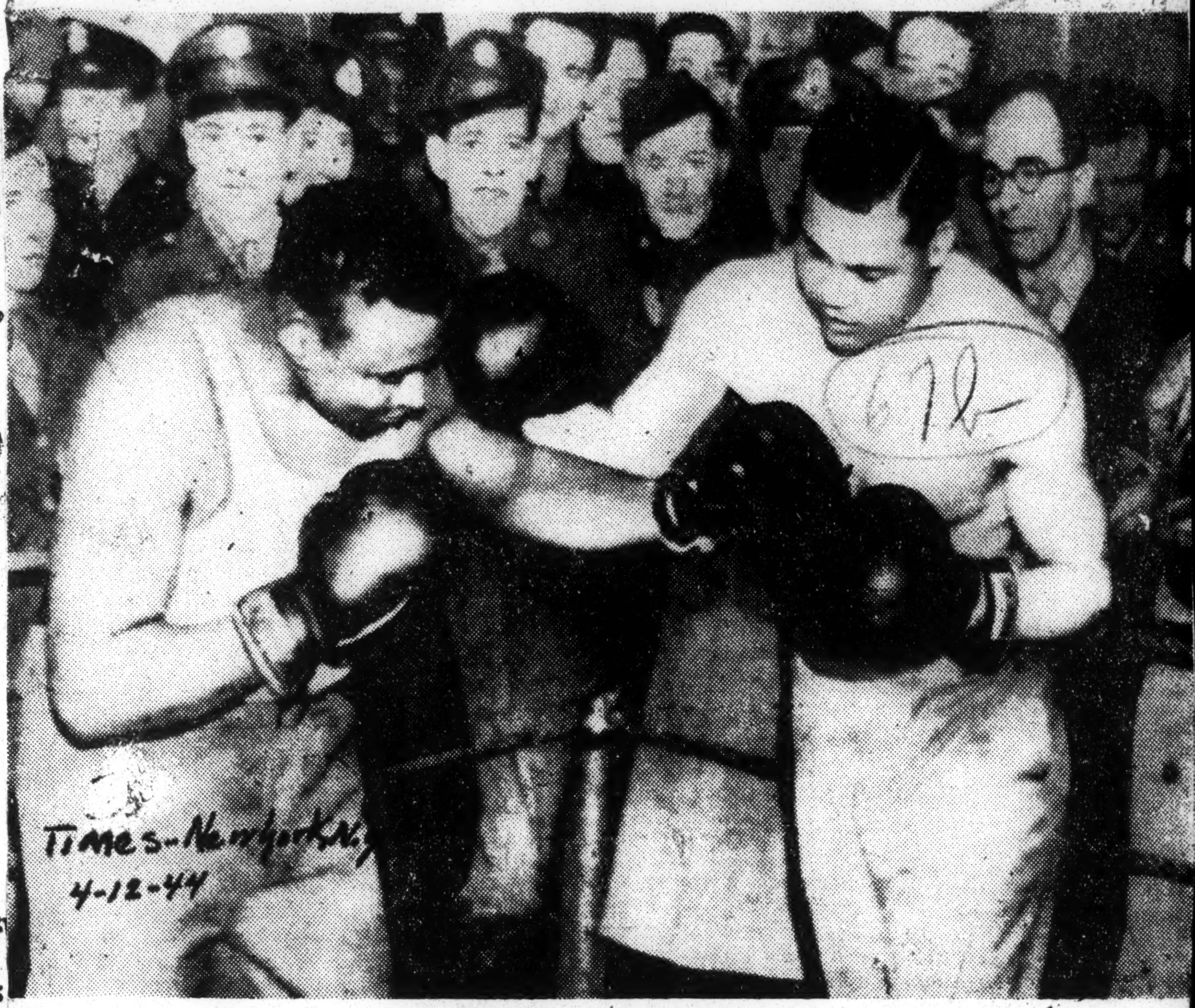
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Such an act has been looked upon as one of the most loathesome and iniquitous deeds manifested with not even the slightest sense of reason nor diplomacy in such a time as this.

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It will be surprising to learn how the news has spread all over the West Indies and how much it has affected the West Indian people. Admirers and fanatics of the pugilistic king have commented and discourse widely on the matter and they have seen no reason why the dignity of the boxing idol should be insulted in such manner. The world knows, and we down in the West Indies know, the essential capacity of Joe Louis' services in the army, and what a valuable man he is to the U. S. today.

Champ Joe Louis Names Max Baer As Toughest Opponent

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Billy Conn, who came close to lifting Joe's crown at New York's Polo Grounds in 1941, and the challenger he probably will meet first in the postwar era, was named five times in the mythical lineup, however.

Louis rated Conn not only as the smartest of all his opponents, but also the fastest, the possessor of the most effective left, and the one with the best offense and best defense.

In another surprise, Joe named Jim Braddock as having the most potent right—not Max Schmeling, who flattened him in 12 rounds in New York in 1936.

"I pitched more strikes against Baer than I did against a half dozen ordinary opponents," Louis said in explaining his choices, which were challenged by some members of his exhibition entourage.

The champ went on:

"Any other man would have lasted less than a round, just as Schmeling did in our second fight. 5-10-44

"If Schmeling's right carried the explosiveness Braddock's did, I never would have been able to answer the bell after the fifth round. Remember, Max landed his Sunday punches for 12 rounds before he could put me away.

"Braddock hit me once in the first round, and had he been able to follow up his advantage this little boy might never have been champion of the world."

Louis stopped Braddock for the title in the eighth round at Chicago June 22, 1937.

Other members of Joe's all-opponent lineup included:

Most courageous—Lee Ramey; most troublesome—Arturo Godoy; fastest retreater—Bob Pastor; poorest opponent—Johnny Paychek.

As for the hardest single punch Louis ever absorbed, he considers it a right which Al Delaney landed on his chin in 1934, nearly cracking his jaw.

On the other side, Joe said the hardest punch he ever landed was the one that chilled Paulino Uzcudun in the fourth round in New York in 1935.

FURLOUGH FUN

Joe Louis Starts Tour of 10 Cities at Olympia

Free Press—~~Detroit~~ Detroit, Mich.
10-31-44

NEW YORK — (AP) — Staff Sgt. Joe Louis, heavyweight champion of the world, will make a ten-city exhibition and refereeing tour during his twenty-one-day furlough that started Oct. 28, according to an announcement by Max Waxman.

A three-round exhibition with Johnny Denson at Detroit's Olympia Nov. 3 will be the opener of the jaunt that will take him through the East and wind up in the Midwest Nov. 17.

The Louis tour will include: Nov. 3, Detroit; Nov. 6, Baltimore, three-round exhibition vs. Charles Crump; Nov. 8, New Haven, referee wrestling show; Nov. 9, Hartford (tentative); Nov. 10, Philadelphia, referee wrestling show; Nov. 13, Washington, three-round exhibition vs. Jimmy Bell; Nov. 14, Buffalo, three-round exhibition with unannounced opponent; Nov. 15-17, Cleveland, Chicago and St. Louis (exact program and schedule unarranged). 10-31-44

LOUIS AND Jimmy Edgar, both on furlough from the Army, are expected in Detroit Tuesday to visit relatives.

The former Detroiters recently completed a tour of the European theater of operations during which Louis participated in boxing exhibitions for the soldiers.

IS JOE LOUIS BROKE?

Tribune—Philadelphia, Pa.

Once Reputed Millionaire Said To Need "Spending Change" For Overseas Tour

1-1-44

NEW YORK—"Where there's smoke there must be fire," the old saying runs, and in the case of Joe Louis and his money, there might be some flame behind the clouds of smoke arising over the question: Is Joe broke?

Last report to hit the rumor runways is that the world heavyweight champ is so far short in finances, let alone paying his income taxes due since 1941, that he is planning on making a quick "Cook's tour" of as many centers as he can to do some refereeing at a high figure which all promoters are expected to leap at in order to replenish his purse before going overseas on a tour of army and navy bases abroad.

Louis was once a reputed millionaire, according to the newspaper boys and according to the figures, but whether Louis actually was worth tha amount is a matter of serious conjecture since his condition today financially is said to be such that he couldn't have run through a million dollars if he ever had it. 1-1-44

Meanwhile, local newsmen are checking back again on why Julian Black, his former co-manager from Chicago resigned that job after aiding Johnny Roxborough of Detroit to pilot the former Ford auto plant worker to the biggest plum in fistiana.

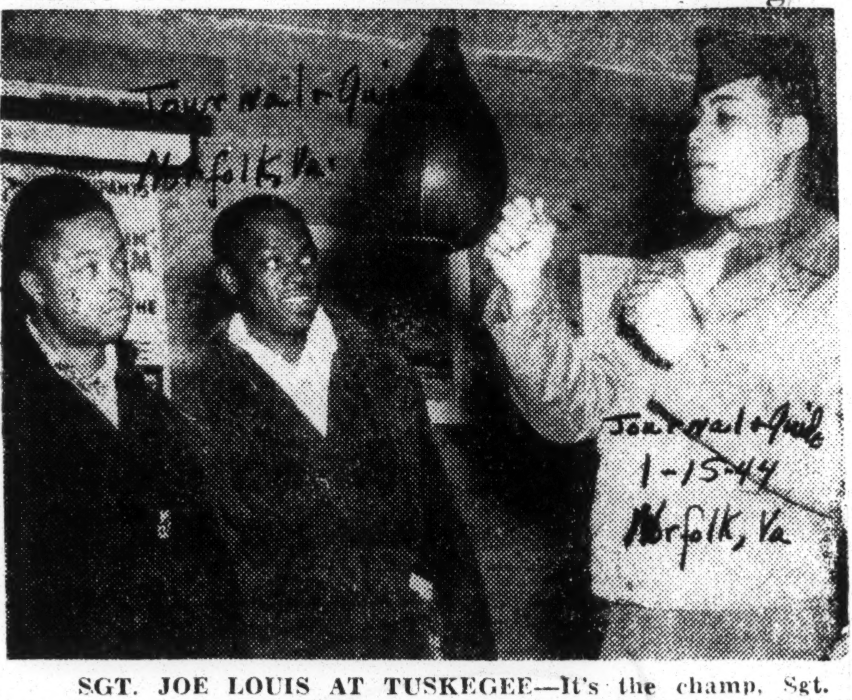
Roxborough himself, it was said, has little these days to say publicly about the champion, obviously since the army has taken over his management. But Roxborough has his own headaches—beating that policy racket rap in Detroit that is still hanging over his head with the yawning doors of the penitentiary ever threatening.

If it is true that Louis is forced to drum up some work by refereeing while on his 30-day furlough, it is a damned shame that the most idolized Negro since Marcus Garvey should be on his heels and not able to have the money he needs for spending change while abroad. If it is true that Louis is broke, a complete auditing of his finances should be publicly demand and the entire matter aired.

With Black definitely out, Roxborough apparently inactive, and the report that Louis himself fired his former secretary and sidekick, Freddy Guinyard, for reasons best known to the champion, the situation is ideal for a expose. It is known that Mike Jacobs is moving heaven and earth in an attempt to get the War Department to allow Louis to engage in one or more championship fights before he is sent abroad on his morale guilding tour. 1-1-44

Mike, those close to the champion, including sports writers, point out, has been the champion's patron angel since he came to New York. Inevery deal, Jacobs has been more than consistently fair with Louis and many would not be surprised if Louis asked Jacobs to handle his affairs in case the War Department consents to his engaging in a couple of fights before he goes across.

It is expected that Louis will have no trouble in getting bids to deferee at the various fight clubs. Promoters in Detroit, Chicago, Washington, Cleveland, St. Louis, Baltimore, Pittsburgh, Philadelphia, Newark, and in many places down South were said to be fighting among themselves to get this big attraction and ready to make huge offers for Louis' presence in person.



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SGT. JOE LOUIS AT TUSKEGEE—It's the champ, Sgt. Joe Louis, showing convalescent patients at the Station Hospital just how it's done during a recent stop at Tuskegee Army Air Field. Joe and his party which included Cpl. "Sugar" Ray Robinson, leading contender to the welterweight crown, are on the last phase of a nationwide tour before sailing for boxing exhibitions at U. S. installation overseas. (Photo by AAF Training Command)

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TAAF CHAMP MEETS CHAMP — Sgt. Joe Louis shakes hands with S/Sgt. Anthony "Tony" Jones, well known middleweight fighter now stationed at Tuskegee Army Air Field. The scene occurred New Year's eve night when Louis and his boxing party staged an exhibition at TAAF, as they entered the last leg of a nationwide tour of Army posts. (Photograph by AAF Training Command)

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Louis Detours Talk of Match During War

Courier Journal—Louisville Ky.

10-26-44

Won't Discuss Fight With Billy Conn Now

Philadelphia, Oct. 25 (AP)—S/Sgt. Joe Louis doesn't want to consider any ring championship bouts until he is back in civilian clothes.

"Let's get this war over first," he said when asked today about the report from New York that Mike Jacobs is planning to match him with Billy Conn next summer if both boxers are out of service. "I don't think I can discuss such a match now." 10-26-44

Following his return from overseas, Louis has been speaking in war plants throughout Pennsylvania, Delaware and New Jersey.

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Voice of the People

Journal+Guide

Norfolk, Va.

Joe Louis And The Negro Ministry

2-19-44

Editor, Journal and Guide:

The editor of the Roanoke Tribune in the January 29 issue quotes the Rev. W. J. Simmons, pastor of the 5th Avenue Presbyterian Church of that city, as follows:

"Joe Louis has done more to lift the race to its rightful place of respect than all the ministers put together, myself included."

The statement seemed to arouse the ire of some of the Negro ministers. I believe that Rev. Mr. Simmons referred to Negro ministers, though his statement does not say so.

Before I comment on the statement quoted by the editor, I wish to mention a few others from the same column which seem to be open to challenge. They are, "When you compare Joe Louis with the 'man of God,' you ruin 'Joe'. Many people will admit that "Joe" though a pugilist, is deeply religious. Personally, I abhor prize fighting. However, "Joe's" conduct in the ring has made me take an interest in prize fighting.

Another statement open to challenge is this: "The thing that brought Joe Louis into the lime-light was his 'brute force' ___." This is certainly true to a certain extent, but the things that kept him in the lime-light as a pugilist are "his philanthropic spirit, his race pride, his modesty, his moral behaviour, his honesty." 2-19-44

The Negro ministry is open to challenge on most of the above named counts. It is also at fault in that instead of teaching people how to live, too many of our ministers tell them how to die.

Yes, we have a number of ministers who have been, and a number who are beneficial to the Negro race. It seems to me that the point of issue is: "What Negro minister has won international fame for doing what Joe Louis has done? Joe Louis, a pugilist, dignified the prize fight ring. Has the Negro ministry dignified the Negro pulpit?

—(Miss) GRAYCE L. SALLY
Christiansburg, Va.

Louis Has Topped Dempsey Mark As Holder of Heavyweight Title

Times - New York, N.Y.

Bomber's Tenure Now 7 Years, 3 Months, 11 Days and May Last Until End of War —Defended Crown 21 Times

10-3-44

By The Associated Press.

It has been pretty generally overlooked by the sports world, but Joe Louis for nearly two weeks now has held the distinction of having been world heavyweight champion longer than any other man.

The Bomber won the title from Jim Braddock June 22, 1937, and today has held it seven years, three months and eleven days. The previous record holder was Jack Dempsey, who won the crown from Jess Willard July 4, 1919, and lost it to Gene Tunney Sept. 23, 1926, for a duration span of seven years, two months and twenty-eight days.

The time elapsing before Louis eventually is relieved of his honors depends upon the duration of the war. That Louis would still be holding the title had the war not checked his ring work is taken generally for granted, although there are those who think that Billy Conn might have beaten him in a return match, which most certainly would have been held by now had conditions been normal.

As to the others, none can carry Louis' shoes when it comes to prizefighting, so there is no reason to say that the champion has held office so long only through the grace of inactivity provided by his service in the Army.

10-3-44

Forgot Name of Opponent

There never was a champion who was a greater credit to the game than Louis, or one more willing to take on all comers. His opponents always have been more or less just numbers to him, although some such as Tony Galento and Conn aroused his curiosity by either their bombastic manner or cocky confidence.

Louis probably would have to sit down and ponder the question for some time before he could name all his opponents in championship fights. In fact, shortly after one of his meetings with Arturo Godoy he was met by Freddy Corcoran, the voice of the P. G. A., at a golf tourney at Winged Foot and in the conversation the subject of Louis' most recent bout came up.

"That man, that * * *," Louis started snapping his fingers in perplexity, and had to give it up. He just could not recall Godoy's name.

10-3-44

Always Ready to Fight

Anyway, while Dempsey defended his title six times during his long stand at the top of the ladder, Louis put his on the line twenty-one times, and if some of the opponents were just setting-up exercise it was no fault of his. He met all recognized contenders.

It has been about two years and a half now since he put on the gloves seriously. What Army life has done to that superb fighting machine is a question, but one thing is certain: he'll be champion for the duration. And maybe for some time after the duration.

Champs Get 'Clink' For Protesting

Amsterdam News
New York, N.Y.

Sergeants Joe and Ray Suffer From Alabama's Injustice to Soldiers

4-1-44

CAMP SIBERT, Ala. — (Special) — Staff Sergt. Joe Louis, world heavyweight champion, and Sergt. Ray (Sugar) Robinson, uncrowned welterweight champion, were reported arrested by MP's here last Wednesday, March 22, and held for several hours in the post clink because they refused to accept Jim Crow regulations on army territory. Louis and Robinson, it was reported, were later released, and the entire entourage of world-famous boxing stars now on special morale detail for our armed forces shipped away from Camp Sibert.

4-1-44

A Negro soldier, Pvt. Raymond McMurray, of Chicago, was brutally murdered, it has been charged on March 11, by Gadsden, Ala., police who said he raped a white woman. It was later reported that a white man confessed the crime.

The trouble came, it was said, when Louis and Robinson went to the post bus depot to get transportation into nearby Birmingham. Louis, Robinson and the other members of the outfit have studiously observed Southern segregation practices in civilian communities and places, but had not encountered it much on military reservations. This was because of the national publicity the fighters are receiving for what they are doing to entertain troops and because if they were subjected to Jim Crow in Army camps, the unfavorable publicity would have an opposite effect on morale, particularly among Negro Army personnel.

4-1-44

Bus Depot Divided

The bus depot on the post here is divided into a "white section" and a "colored section." Every third bus, it was reported, may carry Negro soldiers and thus transportation of Negro men on leave is difficult. Louis decided to call the city for a taxicab and since no telephone was in the "colored section" of the depot, he and Robinson walked to the white side where the phone was located. The place, it was said, was deserted, so the champion made his call and then sat down with Robinson to await the arrival of the taxicab.

At this point a white MP, a lieutenant, came up and ordered the two out of the white side of the depot. Louis' anger was aroused as was Robinson's, and the fighters asked why they were asked to move out. "Don't you know what color you are?" the lieutenant was said to have asked them. Louis and Robinson heatedly pointed out that they were observing all the Jim Crow laws of the towns they visited, but didn't feel they had to put up with prejudice and segregation

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Famous Fighters Meet in Italy

Times - New York, N.Y.
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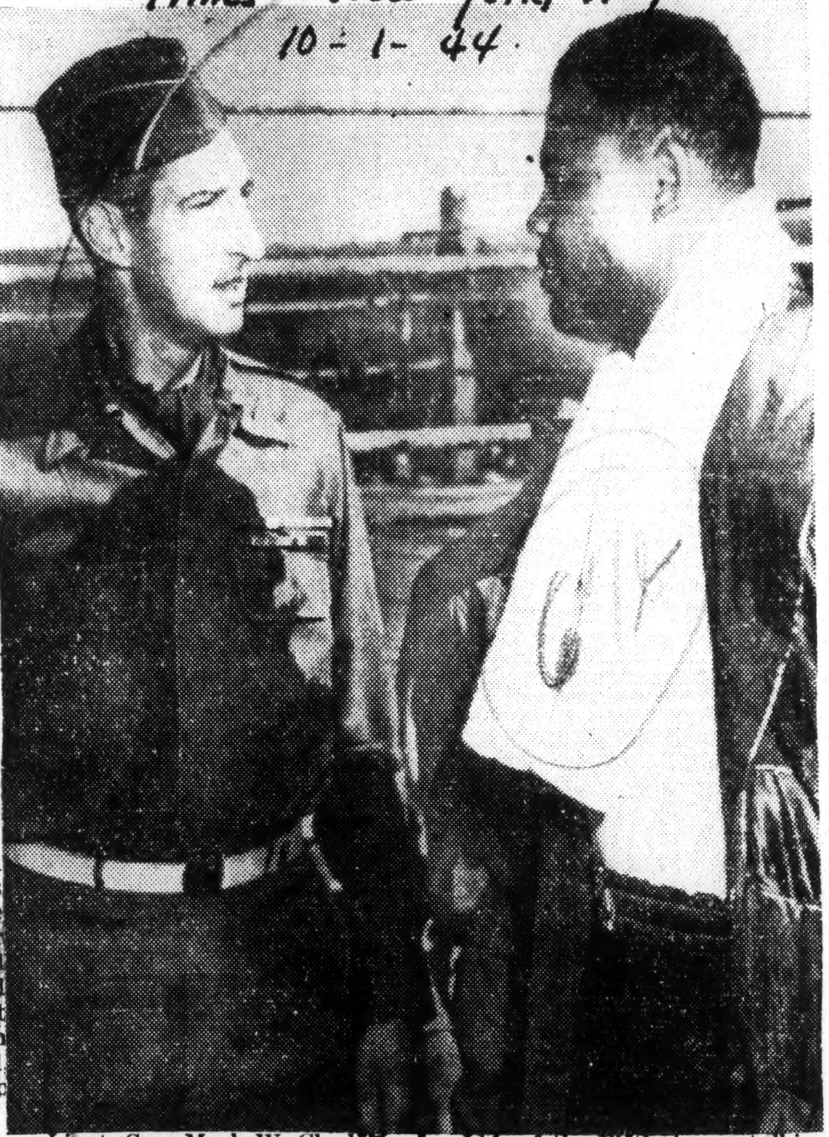

Lieut. Gen. Mark W. Clark, commander of the Fifth Army, talking with Sgt. Joe Louis after the heavyweight champion took part in a boxing exhibition for the soldiers as part of the Salerno Day commemoration exercises in the Tavernelle area.

Joe Louis Visits Fliers In Italy

Journal + Guide - Norfolk, Va.

AN ADVANCED ALLIED AIR BASE IN ITALY—via wireless—Heavyweight Champion Joe Louis, on tour of this theatre, recently paid a visit to the fighter base occupied by the Negro Fighter Group under command of Col. Benjamin O. Davis, Jr.

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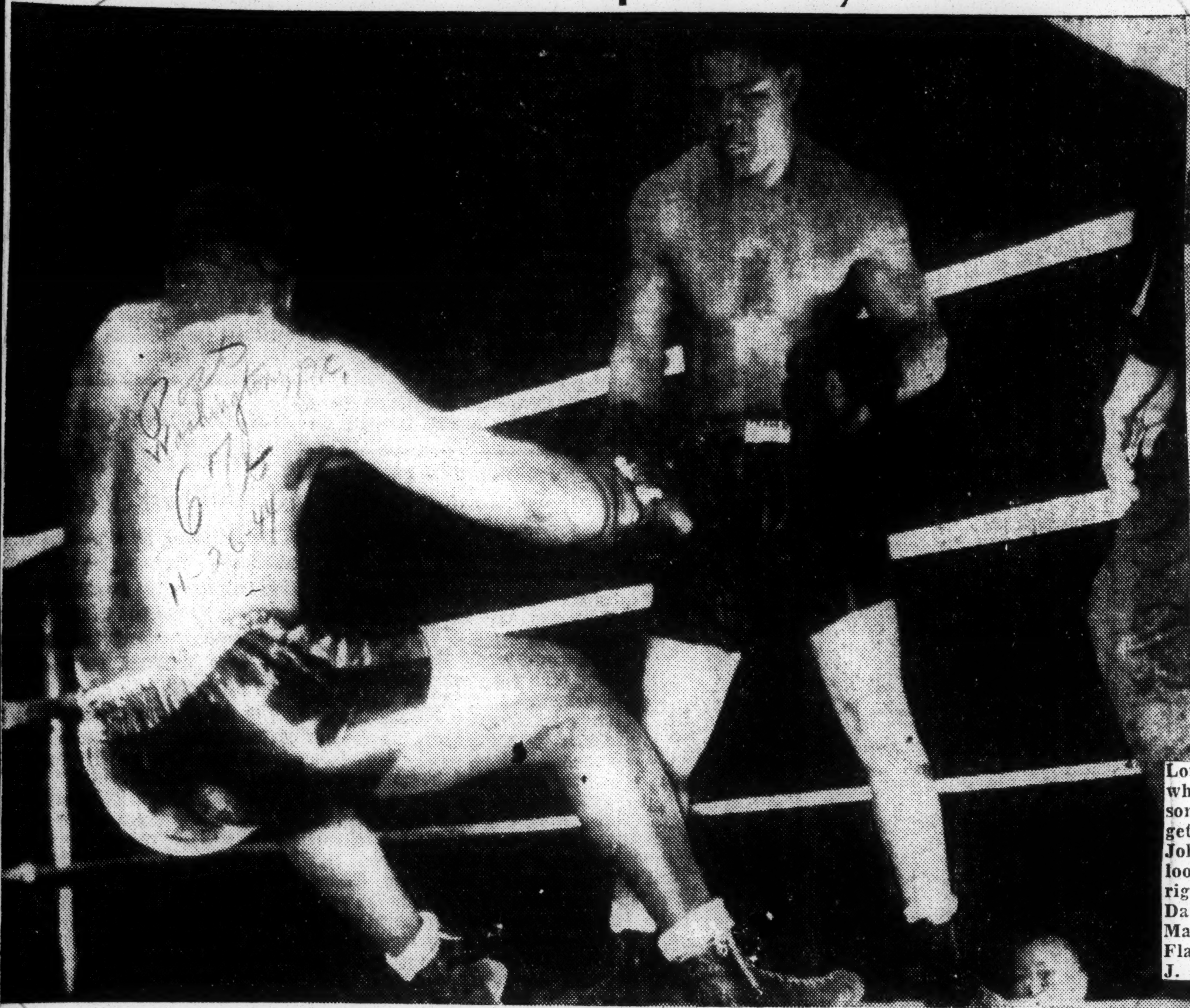
The fliers gave Louis a "round-by-round" description of the way German aircraft have been getting on their "bicycle" in recent jousts with these pilots.

Having had opponents to "back-pedal" from him in many of his fights, Joe was speaking from experience when he commented to the fliers: "You can't knock them down if you can't catch them."

The champ's show continued to thrill thousands in this theatre. When Louis boxed one round with Captain James W. Broddie, white, of LaGrange, Ga., the captain said: "I wanted to go two more rounds. We were having lots of fun. Joe clowned lots and knocked the wind out of me once. Then he came over and asked me if I was hurt. That was mighty nice of him."—John Jordan

Merritt Goes Down, Gets Up and Stays Three Rounds



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S/Sgt. Joe Louis connects with Dan Merritt's chin and down goes Merritt for a nine count in their three-round exhibition last Friday night at Chicago. Merritt arose and managed to stay the distance with the heavyweight champion of the world, who continued merrily on his exhibition tour.

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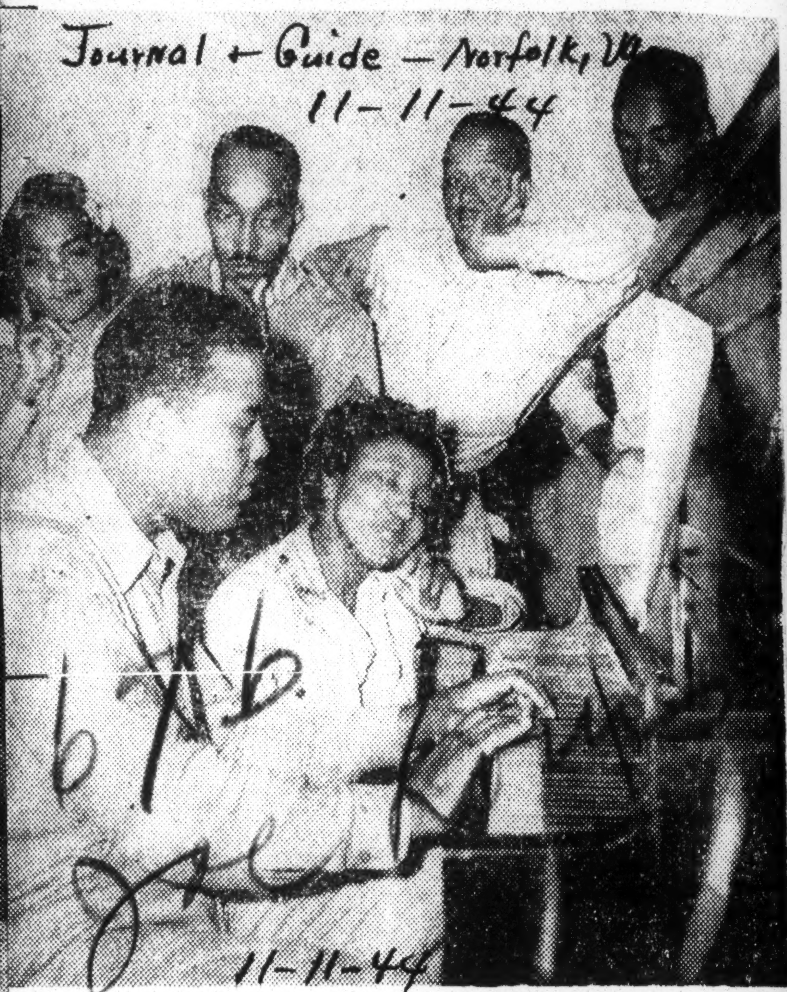

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JOE LOUIS TAKES LESSONS — Champion slugger Joe Louis is smart about his punches but he can take a few lessons when it comes to playing the piano. Here, at a Red Cross Club somewhere in Italy, during his recent European tour, the sergeant gets a pointer on ivory technique from Red Cross Girl Sara R. Johnson of 12 Upton street, Cambridge, Mass. The bored onlookers, who would rather see Louis fight than play, are, left to right: Red Cross Girl Kathryn R. Tyler, 342 West Third street, Dawson, Ga.; S/Sgt. Thomas Jones, 58 Humbolt avenue, Boston, Mass.; Pvt. William J. Burt, 1130 West 13th street, Jacksonville, Fla.; and Pvt. Nathan J. Anderson, 24 Goston street, Newark, N. J. (Red Cross Photo)

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HOME AGAIN

Free Press

Joe Louis Talks of War and Prepares for Fights

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BY CHARLES P. WARD

Joe Louis returned to Detroit to visit his mother and his friends. He intended to play a little golf and to do some horseback riding.

One of Louis' first acts was to sign the papers for his three-round exhibition with Johnny Denson as an added feature of the Jake LaMotta - George Kochan fight at Olympia Friday.

Louis plans to remain in the city a week. He will train at Monroe A. C. Wednesday at 2 p.m. and later this week work out at Brewster Recreation Center.

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BUT WHEN the fight crowd greeted him upon his arrival, they asked him about other things. Robot bombs, for instance. And Zeke Bonura. And Primo Carnera. Had he seen any of them?

Joe was frank about the robot bombs which were showering down on London when he was there. He didn't see any of them, but he had heard many of them.

"He didn't see them," said Sgt. Jimmy Edgar, who was with Louis in England, "for the simple reason that he wouldn't get out of bed to look for them. When the air-raid alarm sounded I would rush to Joe's room and tell him. Then I'd rush for the air-raid shelter. Half a dozen times I got through the door just ahead of a shoe that he had thrown at me for disturbing his slumbers."

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LOUIS HAS a reputation for being world champion go-as-you-please sleeper. He could have enhanced it by keeping silent as Edgar spoke. But he is a very honest person, so he had to explain.

"I stayed in bed but I didn't really sleep," he said. "First I'd keep the right eye open a little bit. Then I'd close that one and squint a little bit with my left eye. When the noise of the bomb told me it was going to pass over, I'd go to sleep."

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THE BOMB that dropped nearest to the Louis' party came down two blocks away, Edgar said. But it did enough damage and made enough noise to give Jimmy a good scare.

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A keen baseball fan, Louis tried to locate Bonura in North Africa. Zeke, a master sergeant, is in charge of an Army athletic program there. He was not in Oran when Joe was there and Joe had to leave for Italy without seeing him.

Joe also tried to locate Carnera in Naples. He searched the city thoroughly, found several persons who said that they had seen Da Preem recently, but he never could locate Carnera. Someone told him that Carnera was still fighting with the Germans, but Joe could not verify the report.

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LOUIS SIGNS FOR BOUT—But it's only for an exhibition that Boxing Commissioner John J. Hettche (left) and Promoter Nick Londos (right) have the signature of Sgt. Joe Louis. The heavyweight champion will go three rounds at Olympia Friday.

Louis Gives Exhibitions Despite Injured Foot

11-14-44

NEW YORK—(AP)—Sgt. Joe Louis, heavyweight champion of the world, has appeared before so many audiences since joining the Army that he has adopted that old adage of the theater—"the show must go on."

The "buck sergeant," now involved in picking up a few extra nickles while on furlough by knocking over a few foes in exhibitions, and acting as referee for wrestling matches, has been limping through his engagements.

Lew Diamond, fight manager and self-appointed mayor of Jacobs' Beach, who has been manager pro tem of the champ on the current tour, tells the tale.

"Down in Philadelphia last Sunday Joe was playing what he calls a 'spot of golf,' the champ having picked up the expression while in England. Anyway, Joe takes a terrific swing at the ball, and does something to a bone in his right foot.

"The foot swells up to twice its normal size, and Joe can't get his shoe on. So he cuts a house slipper to shreds and wears that. We finally, by using one of my old-time remedies, get the swelling down so Joe can out-punch Jimmy Bell in three rounds in Washington Monday night. I tried to get him to call off the bout, but Joe said 'we can't disappoint all those people.'"

Sits In Stimson's Chair

Joe Louis Expects to Remain Champion A Long Time—and Gives Good Reasons

Post — Washington, D.C.

10-13-44

Lounging in the same chair in which Secretary of War Stimson sits for press conferences, Sergt. Joe Louis yesterday told reporters at the Pentagon that he reckoned he'd be heavyweight champion of the world for a good spell after the war—because there isn't anybody out to stop him.

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And the champ, just back from a 35,000-mile trip in England, Africa and Italy during which he boxed before 800,000 GIs, has seen enough of 'em to know whereof he speaks. During his entire six weeks in Italy, for example, his opponents were taken from the ranks of soldiers stationed wherever he happened to be, and he dusted off the best of 'em.

The accolades for Joe's prowess and for the tremendous reception given him throughout the junket came not from the sleepy-eyed sergeant, but from Capt. Fred Maly, former San Antonio (Tex.) sports editor who accompanied him on the trip to serve as a sort of Army manager—"'cept he don't take 30 per cent of my pay." 10-13-44

"We used only GI opponents in Italy, because Joe didn't mind hittin' those folks he didn't know," Maley said with a chuckle. "For each exhibition we'd pick two heavyweights for two rounds each."

Joe said he saw two boys that from Oakland, Calif., and George Culbertson, a Negro soldier from Brooklyn. Both weighed 190 pounds, boxed four rounds with Louis, hit the canvas once each.

Asked about his own chances for keeping the heavyweight title after the war, Joe said he felt they were pretty good. 10-13-44

"All these boys are in the service, just like me," he added. "They won't have any advantage over me and I won't have any advantage over them."

Joe's 30 now—"jest an old man," he said in a tone that didn't convince any of the 20-odd war reporters present that he meant it.

Captain Maly said that Joe was a trifle wistful when he saw the crowds of 47,000 his exhibitions drew in Italy. "Mike Jacobs cert'ny would tear his hair," he commented. 10-13-44

The sergeant will take no furlough until the rest of the crowd with which he traveled overseas returns by boat—Sergt, George Nicholson, Sergt. Elzra Thompson, Staff Sergt. James Edgar, and Sergt. Jackie Wilson, No. 2 welterweight, with whom Joe occasionally put on short skits when there weren't enough soldiers stationed in a single place to give an exhibition.

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SERGT. JOE LOUIS

Maly blasted the "accident or near-accident story" that came out when a plane in which Louis and Sergt. Billy Conn were traveling attempted to land in England and its left wheel refused to come down.

"We circled the field for about 30 minutes before it worked. During that time Joe and Billy just talked, not concerned a bit," said the captain. 10-13-44

"I'd like my first fight after the war to be with Conn," Joe observed, looking at his thumb.

"When they met over there," said Maly, "Joe took a playful poke at Billy and he said to the champ, 'Better not do that to me; I'm your meal ticket!'"

Any exhibitions in the South Pacific are "in abeyance" right now, reporters were told. Right now, Joe's on duty between the Capital and New York for Special Service.

Louis Shows In Exhibition Here Tonight

Post 11-13-44

Washington, D.C.

Joe Louis, world's heavyweight champion who came off the floor in his last Washington appearance to save his title in that memorable battle with Buddy Baer, will return tonight for a three-round exhibition at Uline Arena.

The Brown Bomber, now Staff Sergt. Joe Louis Barrow of the A. U. S., will meet Washington's Jimmy Bell, a promising heavyweight.

Louis, only recently returned from an extended tour of Army camps overseas, has enjoyed much success in similar exhibitions elsewhere. He thrilled 10,000 persons in Detroit where he scored a second-round knockout over Johnny Denson, and knocked down and scored handily over Coast Guardsman Charley Crump before 6500 in Baltimore.

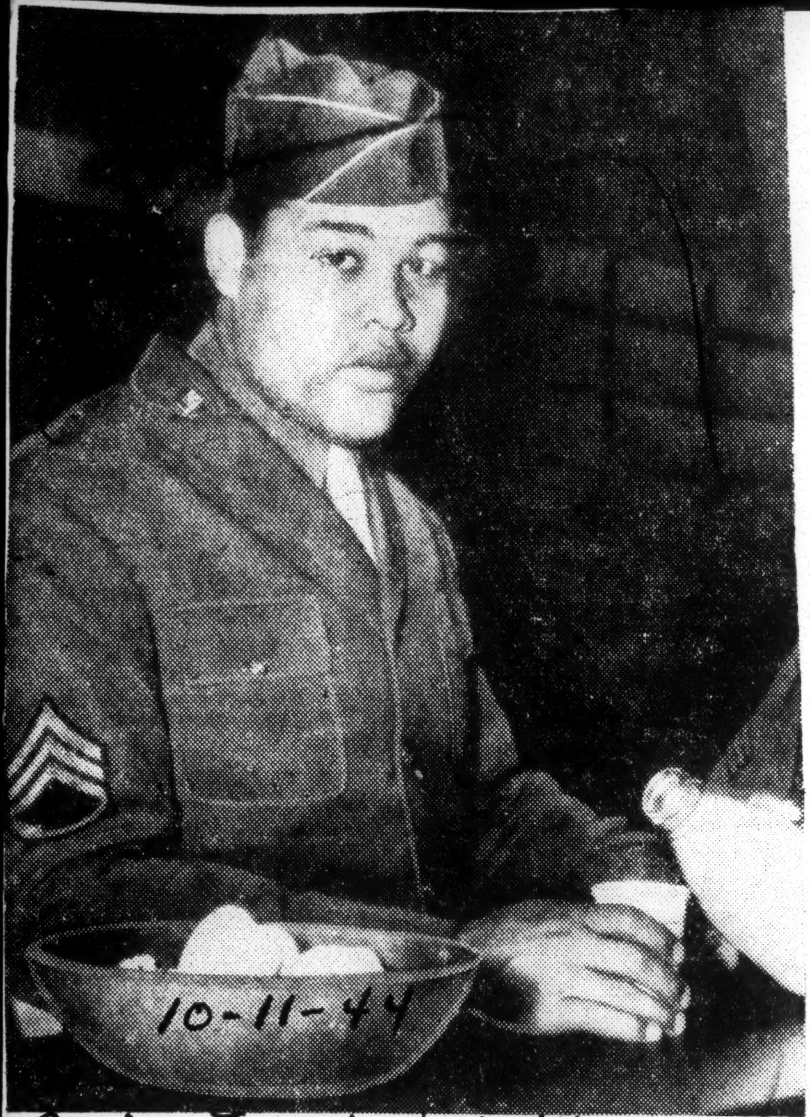
Joe Does His Part

Whereas many boxing champions in the past have satisfied themselves merely with going through the motions in exhibitions, Louis continues to give the fans a real run for their money. It is generally believed that Bell, a 20-year-old, perfectly conditioned 185-pounder, is better qualified to make the champion step than any of the

ers.

Bell has trained for tonight's exhibition as he never trained for a regulation bout. He put in hard licks all last week at the Liberty Club's gymnasium, and boxed daily with Yancey Henry, a good heavyweight from the Pacific Coast, who is familiar with Louis' style.

Louis, despite more than two years of inactivity in boxing, is in remarkable shape. He weighed 212 pounds for his Detroit and Baltimore stands, only 7 pounds above his best fighting weight.



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Courier Journal—Louisville Ky.

AP Wirephoto.

JOE LOUIS BACK HOME—Sgt. Joe Louis, world's heavyweight boxing champion, is shown eating at LaGuardia Field in New York on his return from a seven-month exhibition tour of the European war zones. He fought 96 bouts on the trip.

Why Joe Louis Given Private Room Is Asked

Daily world—Atlanta, Ga.

10-14-44

By CONRAD CLARK

SOMEWHERE IN NEW GUINEA—(ANP)—The unusual story of a pivate in the army having a room by himself at a camp was told to me recently.

The private in question was Sgt. Joe Louis, world's heavyweight champion, then a recruit at Fort Riley in a cavalry unit.

The story, as told by a fellow-patient here at a hospital with me, was that Joe had to be given a private room with a lock because soldiers, both Negroes and whites, grabbed all his personal wear for souvenirs to send back to their homes. Clothes coming from the laundry with his initials were the principal souvenirs and, so the story goes, many a morning at reveille Joe appeared in the line-up without socks or underwear, taken overnight by "fans."

The narrator of this unusual story was a white soldier who was also stationed at Fort Riley, and he also has sent many an "underwear" souvenir to his folks at home.

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LOUIS PUTS WAR FIRST

Times—New York, Ny

Champion Won't Discuss Possible Conn Bout Next Summer

10-26-44

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Louis Shows His Old Form in Workout

Free Press—Detroit, Mich.

11-2-44

BY CHARLES P. WARD

The boxing world need not worry about who is going to be heavyweight champion for at least five years after the war ends. For that length of time the champion will continue to be J. Louis Barrow, of Detroit.

That was the consensus among those who watched Louis work out at the Monroe A. C. for his three-round exhibition bout with Johnny Denson, of Indianapolis, at the Olympia Friday night. Louis boxed two rounds with Odell Riley, a speedy puncher, and showed all of his old speed and punching power.

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"I NEVER SAW anyone who can punch like Louis can," said Mike Capriano, manager of Jake LaMotta.

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Billy Stewart, Detroit boxing coach who handled Louis in many of his bouts as an amateur, said, "I knew he was fast, but I didn't realize he was that fast. I really believe he is a better fighter today than he ever was."

Young Kid McCoy, K. O. Morgan, John (Scotty) Strachan and Senor Luis Newman were equally lavish with their praise.

Joe Disposes of Denson in 2 Rounds

Jake Takes 9 to Gain TKO over Kochan

BY CHARLES P. WARD

Jake LaMotta is the boss of George Kochan, the 10,908 fans at Olympia who saw Jake score a nine-round technical knockout will agree.

Those same paying guests also became convinced that Staff Sgt. Joe Louis is still the supreme commander of the world's heavyweights. At least he looked every part of the world champion as he knocked out Johnny Denson in the second round of what was scheduled as a three-round exhibition.

The fans came out to see if Louis had the old touch. They went away satisfied. The Brown Bomber went after Denson with a two-fisted attack in the second round and put him away for good with a right to the head. Thus the exhibition proved to be just as interesting as the main bout.

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LA MOTTA, the burly Bronx middleweight, beat Kochan, the former Coast Guardsman from Akron, into a state of exhaustion through eight bristling rounds. Then Jake electrified the crowd by dropping him with a right to the head early in the ninth. Though bleeding from cuts over both eyes, Kochan arose after taking a nine count and drove back into the melee.

LaMotta sent him flying into the ropes with a left swing to the head, but Kochan refused to go down. He was turning to resume the battle when Referee Sam Hennessy stopped the fight. It was a move that was popular with the crowd which paid a gross gate of $31,874.56.

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THE BOUT proved every bit as exciting as their first clash here in September which LaMotta won by a narrow margin. Casting science to the winds, the pair stood head to head and slugged it out.

Kochan took the lead at the start, but LaMotta took the fourth and every round thereafter until the end.

Kochan started to tire when La Motta reached him with a right and left to the head just before the fourth round ended. He fought back hard in the succeeding rounds, but he fought in spurts.

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THE MAIN BOUT was preceded by the exhibition in which Louis disposed of Denson quickly despite the fact that he wore heavy training gloves and was not in fighting trim—his weight was announced as 212. He permitted Johnny to take the play at the start but opened up shortly before the first round ended, driving Denson about the ring.

Early in the second he dropped Denson over the ropes with a left and right to the head, and again in Johnny's own corner with a right to the head. Although not completely unconscious, Denson was too badly battered to arise.

Joe Louis praised in Congress

Tribune—Los Angeles Calif.

11-27-44

WASHINGTON—On the motion of Representative Anthony J. Dimond of Alaska, an editorial from the Oct. 12 issue of the New York Times concerning the services of Staff Sgt. Joe Louis, was voted incorporated into the Congressional Record last week. The editorial, entitled "Still the Champion," follows:

"Staff Sgt. Joseph Louis Barrow, more generally known as Joe Louis, has just returned from a 14-month trip, during which he gave 196 exhibition bouts before 2,000,000 servicemen. He has one distinction which will give him a lasting spot in boxing history; he has held the world's heavyweight championship longer than any other man, defending it against 21 challengers, as opposed to the 15 of Jack Dempsey, the runner-up in this competition. In his fights, in his exhibition matches, in his recent visits to hospitals, rest camps, and forward bases, in his fine soldierly spirit, in his love of country, he has shown himself an outstanding American. He gave up a boxer's best years and the fortune that goes with them when he entered the Army. He did this simply and cheerfully. Capt. Fred V. Maly of San Antonio, Tex., officer in charge of his tour, called him "a real trouper and soldier," and a "morale-builder of the highest type." Whether or not he ever fights again for a purse and title he will remain, in his countrymen's esteem, a real champion."

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"Joe Still Loves Me"-Marva

World - Memphis, Tenn

By IRVINE I. TURNER

NEWARK—(A N P)—I would give up my career as a performer despite the fact that thus far, I have achieved much success in the short while that I have been on the stage," said pretty Mrs. Marva Louis during an interview with the writer back stage at the popular Zanzibar niterie where she is starred with the Berry Brothers; Mills Brothers and Bill Bailey," If my husband, Joe Louis would suggest same, but instead, Joe writes to me frequently urging me to make good and always tells me that he wishes he was here to see me perform. At any rate, my husband will be back in New York on July 22, and I can feel love a b'ooming in the Louis family again." 7-7-44

When asked why she actually went out to perform, and was it really a fact that she made the statement to the press indicating that they needed money, Marva said, "I certainly did and I meant just that. I did not mean that we had no money, but I meant that we' have most of our money tied up in investments and they have to be taken care of. 7-7-44

"Knowing my husband better than anyone else, I know that Joe is a big spender in fact, he is spending as much money while in the services of the armed forces as he spent when he was in civilian life that ain't good. I am utilizing the monies I make to help Joe pay taxes and other expenses, so that business can go on. Next month we will begin to collect at least $15,000 per month from annuities which will enable us to educate our daughter Jacqueline, whom her daddy is wild about. In all of his letters he tells me to be good and take care of Jacqueline.

7-7-44

"I believe Joe loves me and I love him. We have broken up several times but on minor grievances. I believe that if the people will pay more attention to their own domestic affairs and less attention to ours, we can make life a happy one."

Since Marva has been on Broadway, such leading motion picture executives as Metro Goldwyn Mayer;.. Fox and Warner Bros, have frequented the Zanzibar. Marva stated that she has heard some word about Hollywood, films and contract and she is willing to accept whenever she is approached but that if her husband should differ with her on this she would adhere to her husband.

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N.Y. Times
N.Y., N.Y.

By JOSEPH C. NICHOLS

Was It Close? Seems It Was

8-1-44

AMONG other things time has a habit of adding luster to a performance that carries with it any meritorious quality whatever, and, in that connection, time has worked very well indeed in favor of Billy Conn in so far as his memorable bout with Joe Louis is concerned.

It's a matter of common knowledge, so much so that the court would take judicial notice of the fact, that Joe put the crusher on the Conn Man from Pittsburgh in the thirteenth round of their battle, and almost everybody, not the least of whom is Billy himself, think that if the fight had gone its allotted fifteen rounds there would have been nothing for the officials to do but hand the Dark Destroyer's title to the Pittsburgh Kid sine mora.

The Inveterate Fight Fan, however, holds a different opinion about the matter, and he holds it firmly, nay, aggressively, against any one who even intimates that the richest prize in the world of sports, the heavyweight title, was all wrapped up for Billy to take away from the Yankee Stadium on the night of June 18, 1941. The Inveterate One knows his stand is not a popular one, but he was never the man to back away from superior numbers when he was convinced he was right, and he's convinced he is right in his position regarding Louis and Conn.

A story that appeared in the newspapers a little while back, to the effect that Joe and Billy, now Sgt. Joseph Louis Barrow and Corp. William Conn respectively, of the United States Army, came close to being involved in an airplane accident while traveling together in line of duty in England, caused the Inveterate Fight Fan to bring up the subject. He thinks it a pretty important one, in the realm of sports, at least.

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A Dubious View

"I see where they got those two traveling together" he said, commenting on the news dispatch. "I don't know whether that's right or not, letting them go around like that. They'll get too chummy and then, when they fight again, they won't want to hurt each other."

Maybe so. And then again, maybe not. Louis was pretty friendly with John Henry Lewis, wasn't he? And didn't he put John Henry out as fast as he could because, to use the champion's own words, he "didn't want to hurt him"? After all, the whole thing is a plain dollars and cents proposition with fighters, these days, once they're in the ring. Friendship is quite forgotten when that bell calls them into action. The heavyweight championship is far from being in the "small business" category.

"Yes, yes," was the impatient response, "I know all that. Still I want to see them a little mad at each other so that they'll put up the same kind of thrilling, close fight they did the last time."

Close? Just what in the world was he spouting, anyway? Close? Why, there wasn't a soul in the park that night who didn't think that Billy had things all his own way! Didn't Louis himself concede that he knew he had to score a knockout to keep his title? And didn't Billy say that he was sure he had the championship all sewn up before Shufflin' Joe put out the light for him only two seconds before the thirteenth round was to end? Good grief, man! How could any one in his right mind say that fight was close? Might just as well say that the Battle of Stalingrad was a draw! 8-1-44

Perspective Out of Kilter

"Now," cautioned the Inveterate, "take it easy. You're just like all the rest. You were thrilled and surprised by Billy's great stand, and because of that stand you were prepared to give the duke to him if only he had lasted two rounds more. Right? And, with the passing of time, the picture of Billy's coming so close to scoring an upset throws your entire perspective out of kilter. The truth of the matter, sir, is that Louis had a conceivable chance of winning the decision that night, even if Conn had gone the distance."

Of course he could produce proof of so preposterous a statement. Otherwise he'd have to be asked to go along quietly.

"Oh. So it's proof you want, eh? Well, what better proof could you ask than the official ballots of the judges and the referee? Practically nobody knows it, but one of the judges, Bill Healy, had the fight even at the end of the twelfth, six rounds for Louis and six for Conn. What do you think of that? I'll admit that the other judge, Marty Monroe, had his card marked so that Billy couldn't possibly lose, short of a knockout. Monroe had it seven for Conn, four for Louis and one even. But Referee Eddie Joseph had it seven for Conn and five for Louis.

"That," went on the brazen iconoclast, now thoroughly carried away with his subject, "does not include the thirteenth round, mind you. And the thirteenth was Joe's automatically, on the strength of the knockdown, even if the referee hadn't stopped the fight. You can check on my figures in your files. And you'll have to admit that the fight was much closer than people seem to think." 8-1-44

The files being resorted to summarily, it was found that everything the visitor had claimed was true. The battle really was as close, on the ballots, as he maintained. And may the next one be even closer—and soon.

Honor Louis In England

Courier - Pittsburgh, Pa.

By RANDY DIXON
(Courier War Correspondent)

LONDON — (Via Wireless) — Staid old England is abandoning her characteristic restraint to embrace Sgt. Joe Louis with generous homage as a boxer, soldier, and patriot. 4-22-44

Joe probably doesn't know it, but he has done more in his few hours here so far to fashion a better and more accurate conception of the average colored American soldier than has previously resulted from the best effort of any individual or happening in this theatre of operations.

The heavyweight champion said that he wanted to fight with a gun, but was ordered by his superiors in words to the effect that he could better serve as a morale stimulator through his boxing exhibitions.

JOE WILLING TO AID

Commenting further, Louis said, "If I can help a little bit, any way the Army says I can help, I'm proud to do my part."

Scenes surrounding Joe's meeting with the correspondents resembled those of his U. S. A. appearances.

Besieged by autograph hounds, pursued by crowds, and cheered by pedestrians, Joe's magnetism is a tonic for war-bitten London, where international celebrites are everyday occurrences, now rated solely on their capacity to contribute to victory. But Joe's photographs and stories share the front pages with the biggest war events. He is referred to as the most modest champion ever, and his many inimitable qualities are selfishly stressed. 4-22-44

JOE FULL OF POISE

More important was the definite manner in which it was emphasized how quickly Joe dispelled the lingering impression that he was dull, shy, untalkative, and backward. He parried questions, effervesced witticisms and radiated magnetism so convincingly that Britishers disinterred their laudatory superlatives.

PROUD TO SEE ENGLAND

"I've always wanted to see England," said Joe. When asked what personality he wanted to see most he answered, "Adelaide Hall, who is an old friend of mine and is now appearing on the stage here."

The champ confessed a desire to see Westminster Abbey . . . to size up Freddie Mills, the British heavyweight champion . . . and to experience an air raid. His latter wish almost materialized, when two straight nights found the enemy sending over token raiding forces which London raid veterans hardly noticed. 4-22-44

LITTLE DIFFERENCE

Other than the weather, Joe noticed little dieffrence between England and the United States, He said that, "Birmingham was like Pittsburgh, and London was like Philadelphia, or Chicago." He had caught a cold already and, consequently, figured that he would have to stay here two years in order to get used to the weather.

Sergeant Louis spent most of his first two days here conferring with his superiors at headquarters in mapping out the "ETO Spam Circuit Tour." Headquarters announced that he would perform only for members of the United Nations Armed forces. This precludes public appearances of any nature and for any purpose.

RAY ROBINSON ABSENT

Louis' troupe is the same which performed in the U. S. A., with the exception of Sgt. Ray Robinson, who didn't embark because of "illness," it was stated. 4-22-44

Aside from a radio interview, Joe spent the remainder of his time before the beginning of his tour renewing old acquaintances—among whom were Capt. Charles (Buck) West of Washington, D. C., and Cpl. Eddie Green of New York City. Joe acted like any other ordinary GI.

Champion Joe Louis Visits Italy

Daily world – Atlanta, Ga.
10-1-44

FIFTH ARMY, TAVERNELLE AREA, ITALY— Staff Sergeant Joe Louis looks over some photographs of his overseas exhibition bouts given him by Chaplain (Captain) Robert H. S. Lee of Chicago. Louis put on an exhibition at Fifth Army headquarters as part of the "Salerno Day" show commemorating the landings in Italy. 10-1-44
(U. S. Army Signal Corps Photo).

SGT. JOE LOUIS AND MATES BIG HIT IN BRITAIN

Defender – Chicago, Ill.
6-10-44

Newcomer Gives Champ Stiff Workout But Is 'Softened Up'

By EDWARD TOLES
(Defender Foreign Correspondent)

LONDON—(Via Cable) — Entering the ninth week of his morale-building boxing tour, along with efficient aides, of U. S. service camps in the European theatre of operations, heavyweight champion Staff Sergeant Joe Louis shows that he is not only worthy of the champion label but also that the term "trouper" is not out of place when applied to him.

After record-breaking exhibition shows in practically every camp in the U. S., the tireless champion and his mates are breaking another record for Yanks here in Britain. No finer example of courage, stamina and patience could be offered than that created by Louis and his fighting company. Fighting several times weekly to the cheers of grateful servicemen, patient Joe and troupe have many GI fans to satisfy.

Negro Troops Absent

On the night of June 2, in their first public open-air routine, the champ and crew performed for the enjoyment of an audience in which British civilians almost outnumbered the thousands of air force troops. Absent Negro troops queried: "Where is Joe? We want to see the champ too!" Oddly enough, while the heavyweight king's tour has included many Yank audiences, the number of Negro troops witnessing the bouts has been few. However, the circuit has not yet been completed and may still include the thousands of Negro soldiers serving in this theatre in quartermaster, engineer, service and port battalions. 6-10-44

At the June 2 show, the finest this correspondent has witnessed to date, no Negroes were present outside of the participants.

Joe Tames One

Incidentally, during this performance, the Bomber stepped out of his customary role as mere exhibitionist to initiate a newcomer to the company, namely, Cpl. Elza Tommy Thompson, 246-pound Indianapolis puncher. This was the second meeting of the two in four days. In the first bout, Thompson, 1935 and 1936 Golden Gloves titlist, who is no slouch with either hand, made a continuous nuisance of himself, throwing countless body and head punches in close quarters to annoy the champ no end. However, as it usually does to all Louis opponents, that terrible left and right came to Thompson's jaw and naturally Thompson went into a conference with the canvas. No novice, Thompson has met such heavies as Abe Simon, Lee Murray and Bob Pastor and had a record of 15 wins out of 19 bouts before his induction. Thompson, who challenged England's light heavyweight king, Freddie Mills, was missing a couple of teeth after the Louis encounter but the Bomber knew he had been in a scrap, as did the fans at the ringside. The Indianapolis fighter will remain with the Louis troupe to rest up First Sgt. George Nicholson and Smith. 6-10-44

Want to See Champ

In another exhibition, Sgt. Jackie Wilson gave Pvt. Herbie Williams, New Orleans, air force lightweight champ, a boxing lesson. Slated to appear on the card were: Sgt. Harry Taylor, 1420 Georgia street, Gary, Ind., and welterweight and 1942 intercollegiate champion from Indiana State Teachers college; Pvt. Julius Reed, 2553 Washington avenue, also of Gary; Sgt. Dave Coleman, 631 Clay street, Niles, Ohio; Junior Lowe of New Orleans; Sgt. Major Arthur Hassel, 102 E. 103rd street, New York City, trainer of the group which due to the appearance of Louis' crew, did not appear. Hassel was former trainer of the Savoy Big Five. 6-10-44

Cpl. William Wright, welterweight from Youngstown, Ohio, hopes that Louis and his companions will appear before Negro members of the air force service group. If the champ's schedule includes the Negro outfits, these tireless fighters will more than likely put on a whale of a show.

Joe Louis Back

Tribune – Philadelphia, Pa.

NEW YORK—Staff Sergeant Joe Louis, world heavyweight boxing champion, arriving from a seven-month tour of European fighting fronts, said he had met two American soldiers in Italy who offered a definite threat to his title.

The boxer, who fought exhibitions in England, Ireland, Scotland, North Africa and Sardinia, said he had forgotten the names of the soldiers, but that the American sports public definitely would be hearing about them as soon as the war is over. 10-14-44

Louis' return shortly before the opening of the Sixth War Loan renewed speculation that he might be used in a series of appearances about the Nation to aid bond sales.

Champ Returns; Describes His Missing Death

Amsterdam News
New York, N.Y.

Joe Louis Set For New Tour, This Time Sixth War Loan Drive in U. S.

10-21-44

Staff Sergeant Joe Louis, world heavwyeight boxing champion, arrived at La Guardia Field at 9 a. m., Tuseday, from his completed exhibition tour of Army posts in North Africa, England, and Italy. The champion, who escaped death by 24 hours in Italy, according to the Army publication, Stars and Stripes, expected to rest a few days in the East before taking to his next assignment from the Army.

The busy GI idol, weighing around 218, made the Amsterdam News office the object of his first visit upon arrival in New York City, spending some time meeting members of the staff, renewing acquaintances and being interviewed before heading for Broadway and important conferences with high Army officials.

Calls Ray Robinson

Louis, deadpan as usual, breaking into a disarming boyish smile when certain things struck him as humorous, called Ray (Sugar) Robinson at Greenwood Lake, N. Y., among the first things he did after getting settled temporarily at the Hotel Theresa. Robinson, who is training for a fight in Boston and for an appearance at the Golden Gate Auditorium next Thursday night, was a member of the Louis boxing entourage during its tour of Army posts in the U. S.

Louis said his ATC plane left Casa Blanca in North Africa at 1 p. m., Monday, and arrived non-stop at LaGuardia Field Tuesday morning at 9 o'clock. He said he hadn't got settled down for a sleep before the pilot was setting the huge ship down. 10-21-44

Talks of Two GI's

Louis has been touring European war zones for seven months, fought 96 exhibitions in England, Ireland, Scotland, North Africa, Sardinia and in Italy.

The champion showed a desire to make more appearances in war zones. Here on the eve of the opening of the Sixth Loan War Drive, Louis may be used in a series of appearances throughout the country to spark the sale of War Bonds.

The thing that struck home most about Louis was his maturity. He spoke with assuredness, mixed with homespun philosophy of the injustices of the poll tax, what the millions of American boys are actually fighting for on the other side and that the Negro must first become self-solvent before he can be noticed among the great racial stocks of the world. He showed impatience at the failure of Negro leaders to take advantage of situations opening on all sides and spoke of Negro youth being prepared to move in on the advantages about them.

—DAN BURLEY.

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~~Closeup On A Champ:—~~

Return Of Joe Louis Stirs Conjectures

Amsterdam News — New York, N.Y.

10-21-44

Army Life Has Created New Personality In Heavyweight Champion of the World

By DAN BURLEY

A custom, not acquired solely because of Army training but one that came from years of private training on his own, has gotten Joe Louis in the habit of waking himself early and then trying to wake everybody else around him. This trick he pulled on me last Tuesday when he landed at La Guardia Field following a non-stop flight from Casablanca in North Africa. The time was 9 a. m. and yours truly was sleeping the good sleep of one who had put in a full night of dubious toil at such diversions as tipping cocktail glasses, shaking hands and throwing the bull to the boys. The 'phone rang, a gruff voice asked for me, and, sleepily, I said, "Yep, this is me. What the hell do you want this early in the morning whoever you are?" "It's me," said the voice, "Joe."

"I got the voice through the rapidly clearing fog of sleep and realized that it was Louis. The significance of the call also dawned on me as I hurriedly took a shower, shaved, and entered my clothes to meet the champ at Hotel Theresa where a room had been reserved for him by the Army.

Big Surprise: Joe Louis All Alone

Expecting to find a room full of reporters, well-wishers, fans and back-slappers greeting the World's Heavyweight Champion, I was almost knocked off my feet when I walked into his room to find the king of the heavies sitting on the edge of his bed, slowly changing his clothes, alone. In other words, Joe had come to town and I was the only active newspaperman and, for that matter, the only person around teeming Harlem—outside of the hotel—who was aware that the champion was in town.

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Now, in this exciting period when people move to and fro suddenly and without ceremony, the movements of Joe Louis might be blended into a general picture and might not stand out as being of much import—certainly not so exciting as to prompt the fellow who has been around the sports game as long as I have to such speed in getting out of bed the first thing in the morning.

Joe Louis Represents An Ideal

However, Joe Louis is important to Negroes and to America because he represents an ideal, one that cannot be put into words so easily but one which must be felt to realize completely. The return of Joe Louis from his overseas tour under such sudden and secretive circumstances has considerable excitement in that there is an indication contained therein of future activity that make bigger and better news. I later found that Louis had actually called me first upon his arrival and then leisurely went ahead to make his other necessary contacts—principally with Colonel Esky Clark of the Army Special Service Division and Mike Jacobs.

Weighing 215 pounds, Joe looked every inch the champion that he is and, even at that weight, in far better physical condition that one could expect from a GI who has undergone the special training of the armed forces which certainly does not prepare a fellow to fight in the ring. There was a boyishness still in his smile that belied his 30 years and the maturity of contact of life as stark and horrible as that he encountered on the other side where lives are snuffed out every moment and where the maimed and wounded writhe and twist in agony as they are carried back from the fighting fronts to hospitals or to rehabilitation centers behind the lines. If you are not a man before you see the things Joe Louis saw abroad, you will be after you ome back, and Joe Louis today is fully a man, competent, highly intelligent and even philosophical in his approach and views to and on public affairs.

The Army Has Another Job For the Champion

The champion is actually back from his six months' air tour of GI bases in the European and African theatres because the Army has another job for him. Nearing the end of his third year in service, there is a report that Joe is about ready to be transferred from the Army's Special Service Division which in the last 14 months had shown him to two million soldiers in exhibitions and other appearances at camps and hospitals here and abroad.

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These morale building appearances are the number one figure in sports. They are so important to the Army that Joe Louis is handled as tough as though he were a rare bauble.

He is more important to soldiers' morale than anything else except a letter from home, and Joe takes it all in stride with a humility that is touching and a sense of responsibility that is amazing in one who would normally be carefree, happy and gay.

Bomber Calls Ray Robinson His Pal

I talked these things over with Joe at breakfast at the Hotel Theresa dining room where the champ consumed a huge plate of liver, onions, biscuits and, what he called, "a spot of tea." One of the first things that Joe did was to have me call Greenwood Lake for a person-to-person chat with his best friend, former Sergeant Ray (Sugar) Robinson, now in training for his first boxing appearance since he was honorably discharged from the Army. No doubt the operator stuck her fingers in her ears at the impassioned oratory that passed between the two over the telephone, much of it relating to family trees, close relatives, and highly uncomplimentary remarks about each other's appearances, tastes, and habits. After this banter had subsided into a more general conversation, Joe showed much interest in Ray's projected program—his return to the ring—and talked over mutual experiences enjoyed when Robinson was a member of the Joe Louis boxing coterie. Then Joe asked Robinson about his big Buick which Ray said was at his mother's house. Joe wanted to know who had the keys, whether the car had tires, and where he could get some gas, meaning, thereby, that Joe was going to borrow Ray's car and ride wherever he wanted and then return the same to Ray—another habit between the two in share and share alike. Ray called up somebody and the car was on its way without further ado, to the champion and remained at his disposal as long as he was in town.

Joe Louis Holds Mass Interview

At a mass interview in Colonel Clark's office where every boxing writer in town was on hand to fire questions at the heavyweight ruler of boxing, Joe spoke of his future as, "the only future there is in the Army is a furluogh and I would like a little one now." He looked around as he answered a question about his fighting again professionally and said, "If the war is over next year I'll be 31; I mean I'll defend my title if the war ends soon enough. I am getting old—I have to shave three times a week now."

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When asked how soon was "soon enough," Louis said, "next week sometime. I have been staying in pretty good condition. The Army has been giving me a pretty good break by letting me stick close to boxing. My age isn t so important, you know, heavyweights stay good until they are 35 or 36. "You don't know what those boys go through until you see the tough cases," said Joe, as he spoke of his visits to the hospitals in Italy. "You can't do enough for them." The truth of this statement by Joe was borne out in his projected plan to take an entourage of 15 wounded heroes from Guadalcanal around the night-life belt of New York as his special guests during his stay in New York.

Brown Bomber Sees No 4-F Champ

Returning to fighting, the Brown Bomber declared that there is no question that the Armed Services will provide the man who will eventually succeed him. "You don't think any 4-F is going to be a world's champion?" he asked. The much talked about Freddy Mills, British championships contender, didn't impress Louis. Describing him, he said, "He throws a left hook from back here and his right he throws like Carl Hubbel—and he's got no screwball."

Joe's return home was supervised by Captain Fred Maly, director of the tour, a former sports editor of the San Antonio, Texas, News Express. Both he and Louis expressed flattering opinions of two American soldiers, heavyweights, with whom Joe boxed—a Johnnie Ebarb from Oakland, California, who got boxed around by Louis for two days and just asked for more—and a Bob Culberson from Brooklyn, known as Baby Duth. Louis describes the former as a clean-cut boxer and the latter as a little harder hitter.

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Joe did not get to France after D-Day because no performances were being permitted but in Italy he moved right up to the lines to give his exhibitions for the Fifth Army, the 92nd Division of which is his own outfit. One morning, while the 92nd was slugging away at the Gothic Line, Louis pulled a lanyard on the biggest gun—a 240. The next day, Captain Maly recounted, the gun blew up killing all the members of the crew.

How Joe Louis Met With Billy Conn

Joe told of having seen Corporal Billy Conn for two days in London, and Captain Maly gave further details of the plane trip which almost ended in an accident. Said he, "The 26 of us didn't know what was wrong as the pilot circled the field for 20 or 30 minutes but he really had to work to get the landing gear down we learned later. Joe and Billy just kept chatting away—what they didn't know did not bother them."

Joe left the other members of his party on the other side and they will return by water, presumably later. Louis' next assignment is expected to be a country-wide series of appearances in connection with the Sixth War Loan Drive.

Joe Louis Staggered By Jim Crow In D.C.

Amsterdam News — New York, N.Y.

11-25-44

By CASEY JONES

WASHINGTON, D. C.—Joe Louis appeared here in the ring last Monday night after an absence of three years. In May 1941 the "Brown Bomber" made the Capital of the Nation boxing-conscious, upgraded its status to that of an important fight town, and, incidentally drew a gate of nearly $100,000 with Buddy Baer.

Joe showed his wares in an exhibition at Uline Arena against Jimmy Bell, 180 pound Dee Cee heavy, last Monday. The champ's 214 pounds made him look fat, he missed constantly and failed to display his famous shuffle. However the fans were thrilled by his appearance and they were electrified as he stepped into the ring.

Louis stalked the ever-retreating Bell all over the ring, occasionally stinging Jimmy with a steamless right. After all, Jimmy has much to be thankful for since Joe allowed him to remain perpendicular for the three rounds while he has stopped most of his opponents in his previous exhibitions. The customers turned out 4,000 strong and left better than $1,300.

Race Prejudice Staggers Joe Louis In Nation's Capital

Somewhere along the line somebody whispered in Joe Louis' ear that Major West, a Negro Army officer, had been barred from the Uline Arena at an ice hockey performance several months ago. Joe's handlers said they had difficulty in getting the "Brown Bomber" to go through with his exhibition. Louis could not be reached for a statement Monday night as he left immediately for Boston.

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Bee Bee Wright Decisions Lige Drew

The Wright-Drew bout was the feature attraction over an eight round route on the Joe Louis exhibition card. It went the limit, but proved to be the dullest of all main bouts here this season. Wright never looked worse as he co-operated with Lige in giving an exhibition of tying each other up for eight rounds. Half the crowd took a walk. Bee Bee came the nearest to landing a solid blow when he crossed with a right hook to the jaw of Drew in the fifth round. Wright won the decision.

Preliminaries Furnish Thrill

Johnny Doyle, 150 lb. Los Angeles, overcame the two round lead of Ernie Butler, 143, Negro, and halted Butler in the fifth round by a T.K.O. A left to the chin and right to the belly by Chuck Taylor, 146, stopped Ray Hamilton, 146 in 1:34 of the second round in the semi-final. Bobby Londe, 138, Detroit, won by a K.O. over Wade Allison, North Carolina in the fifth round.

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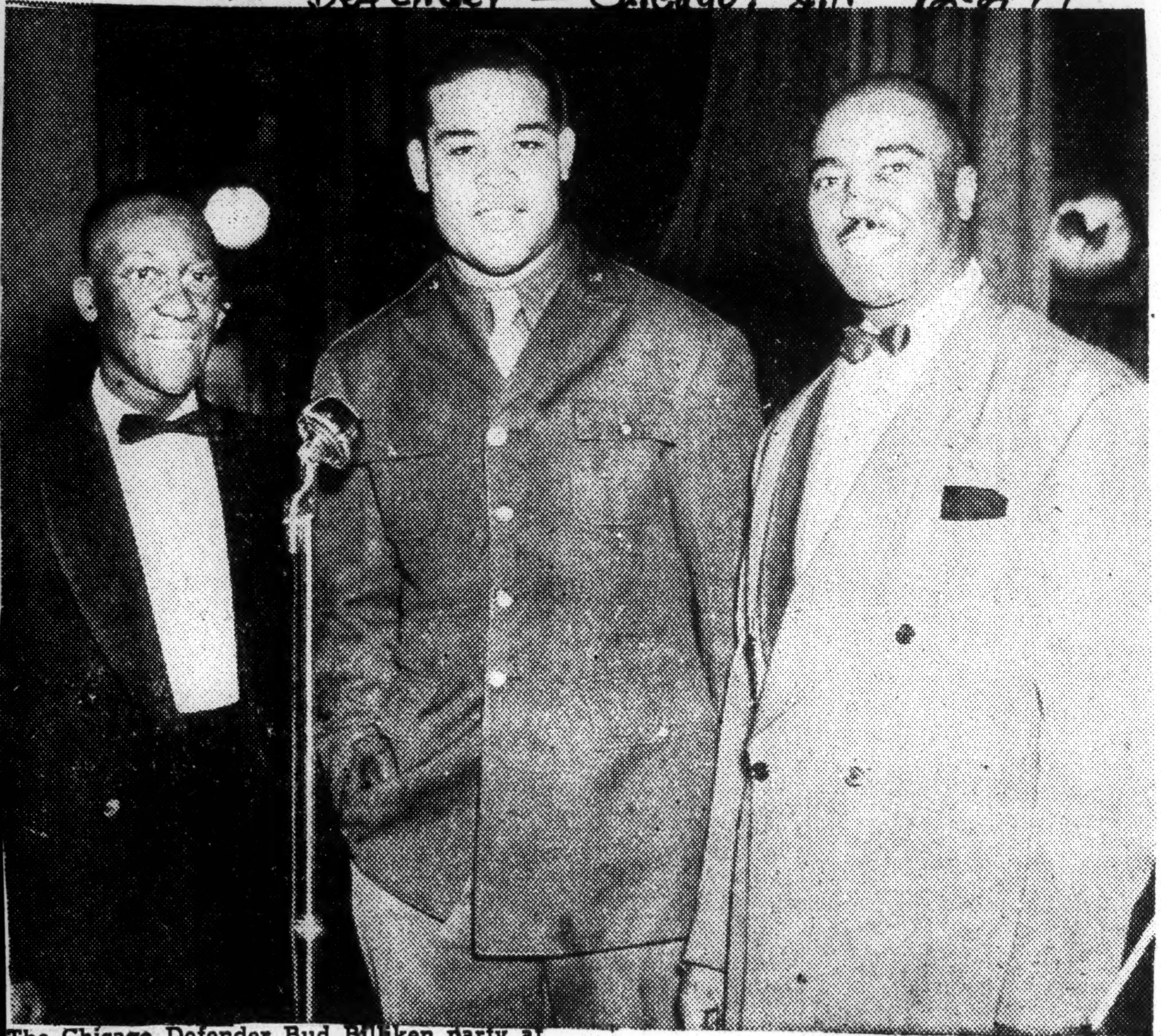
Obtaining Jack Sharkey, one of the best boxers in ring history, to personally instruct Dixie Olliver before the youngster's crucial battle with the Philadelphia Greek, may be a smart bit of fistic shrewdness. The famous Boston warrior is concentrating in schooling Olliver on the use of a left hook. Sharkey, in his prime, had one of the finest left hooks in the heavy division. Sharkey has watched Dorazio and advises Olliver the best punch to defeat Dorazio is a left hook.

Sharkey seems to be keenly impressed with Olliver. The Turner Arena office said the ex-champion is interested in buying part of the Olliver contract and direct Dixie's ring program as a challenger.

A TRIO OF HEADLINERS AT PARTY

Defender — Chicago, Ill. 12-8-44



The Chicago Defender Bud Billiken party at the Regal theatre Saturday morning, drew a record crowd of 3,000 youngsters who not only had their fill of movies, but who saw a fast stepping and colorful floor show headlined by world's heavyweight boxing champion, Staff Sgt. Joe Louis, Jimmie Lunceford, band leader, and David W. Kellum (Bud Billiken). Left to right, "Bud Billiken," the champ and Lunceford. Of course you know the "bomber" had the time of his life.

Louis Declares Plenty Of Ring Experts Ahead

News — Birmingham, 10-11-44 Ala.

BY FRITZ HOWELL

NEW YORK —(AP)— Heavyweight Champion Joe Louis, back from the European and African war theaters, expects some good fistic talent to emerge from the war. The champ, only seven pounds heavier than when he made his last title defense against Abe Simon in 1942, said he ran into some "real tough boys" as he appeared in 78 exhibitions in England, Scotland, Ireland, Africa and Italy. More than a million GIs saw the shows "for free."

Louis said Elaria Thompson, of Cleveland, whom he first met in a three-rounder in Reading, England, gave him so much trouble that he met him four more times. Then came Johnny Ebarb, an air corps mess officer from Oakland, Calif., whom he met in Italy twice, and George Culberson, a Brooklyn boy. Ebarb, said Louis, was a pretty good boxer, while Culberson was a puncher. 10-11-44

The champion predicted Tommy Mills, who recently lost the British heavyweight championship to Jack London, would not cut much of a figure in post-war fisticuffs.

"That Mills ain't got nothing," Louis said. "He throws his left hook from way down low and way back, and he throws his right like a baseball pitcher—only he don't throw it so good."

Louis arrived here by plane Tuesday, and was to depart Wednesday for his permanent base at Camp Sibert, Ala.

The champion, while in Italy, took several artillery shots at the German Gothic Line, pulling lanyards on big guns manned by the 92nd Division. 10-11-44

Capt. Fred Maly, former sports editor of The San Antonio, Tex., Express, who conducted the Louis tour, said the champion was the only one who "slept right on" when the group went through 12 straight nights of robot bombing in London.

"The only time he appeared bothered," Maly said, "was when our wide, glass-enclosed bus went roaring down some of those narrow, equipment-filled roads."

The landing gear of an airplane refused to lower while Louis was riding with Corp. Billy Conn and others.

"We just circled the airport for 25 or 30 minutes and then landed," Joe said. "We weren't bothered, because we didn't know anything was wrong until after we were down."

The champ, now 30, said he'd be ready to defend his title when the war ends. 10-11-44

"Lots of fellows have been good heavyweights at 35 or 36," he said, "so I guess I'll be all right for a while. The Army is treating me right, letting me fight like this, and keep close to the game. But there's goin' to be lots of good boys come out of that Army—yes sir, lots of 'em."

Louis Reveals He Took Poke At Nazis, Too

Age Herald — Birmingham, Ala. 10-12-44

BY FRITZ HOWELL

NEW YORK, Oct. 10—(AP)—Sgt. Joe Louis returned home Tuesday from a six-month boxing exhibition tour of the European and African war theaters, and disclosed that he took a couple of punches at the Germans as well as at the chins of his sparring partners.

The heavyweight champion, weighing 215 pounds—or seven more than when he met Abe Simon in his last title defense in 1942—said he visited the 92nd Division on the Italian front and pulled the lanyard on several field guns firing on the Gothic Line.

On his 14-month boxing tour, which included eight months of camp-visiting in the U. S., Louis appeared before almost 2,000,000 fighting men, said Capt. Fred Maly, conductor of the tour and former sports editor of The San Antonio Express.

The champion gave 123 exhibitions in this country, 42 in England, 27 in Italy and four in Africa. He returned Tuesday by plane, the same mode of travel by which he covered the war fronts.

The champ said:

"I expect to defend my title if the war ends soon enough."

And what would be "soon enough?" 10-12-44

"Next week would be soon enough," Joe laughed. "No kidding, I think I'm good for a long time. The Army is giving me a break with this tour, keeping me close to the game. And lots of fellows have been good heavyweights at 35 or 36."

Capt. Maly said one of the guns which Joe fired on the Italian front blew up the following day during the heavy shelling, killing a couple of crew members. The same day six German prisoners brought through the lines, recognized Louis and expressed surprise that he was so close to the front.

Asked about his immediate plans, Joe answered: 10-12-44

"I'd like a little furlough now."

But Capt. Daly said the champ would leave Wednesday for Camp Sibert, Ala., his permanent base, and that the furlough matter would be taken up there.

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Champ And Wife Sued By Attorney

Norfolk, Va. 4-8-44

CHICAGO, Ill., (ANP)—Songstress Marva Louis and the champ were sued last week for $1,520.50 by the man who served as their attorney in a suit back in '43.

Marva, now singing in New York, is being sued by Atty. Henry C. Ferguson, who claims the fees are in arrears to the tune of $1,500 and that a debt of $20.50, which he advanced to Mrs. Barrow, is yet unpaid. The fees resulted from a suit which Ferguson fought against Bindley C. Cyrus, who sued the couple for $10,500.

The suit was settled for $2,500 and the case dismissed May 25, 1943. Ferguson contends that he did not get his $1,500 nor the $20.50.

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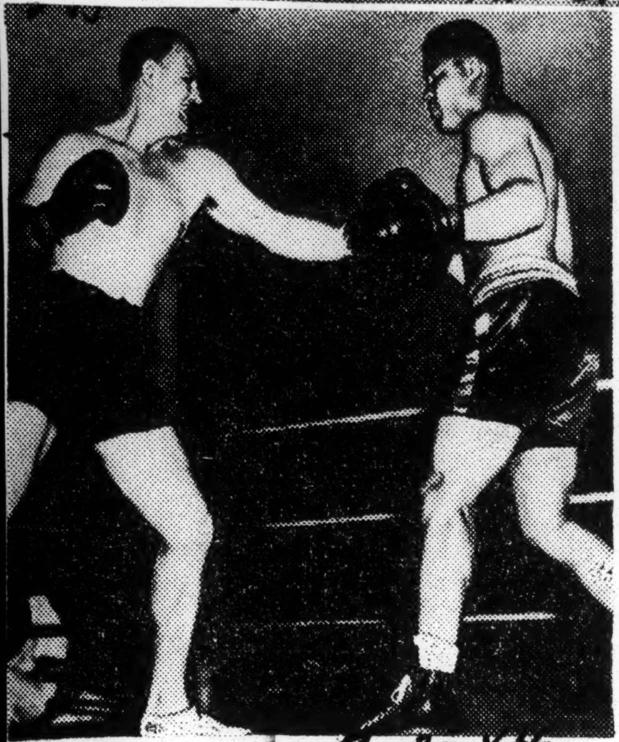
JOE LOUIS

Camera Records Stops on Joe Louis's North African Tour

Afro American — Baltimore, Md. 9-2-44



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The Bomber takes on a new sparmate for an evening as Morton Fry, Jr., (white) of Parkersburg, West Va., squares off with Joe during an exhibition match. Louis and his party are currently touring the North African theatre.

Many tales are told of the military brass hats, but this picture indicates that they don't come too big to want to pose with Joe Louis. He watches a baseball game here with Commodore G. T. Owen, USN, center and Commander C. L. Westhofen, USN, somewhere in North Africa.

Although a mere staff sergeant, Joe is guest of honor at ceremonies preceding an exhibition baseball game somewhere in the North African theatre, for which Commodore G. T. Owen, left tossed out the first ball.

Heavyweight Champion Joe Louis spends as much time pleasing autograph-seekers as he does demonstrating his ring prowess. Here he signs "short snorters" for members of Flee tAir Wing 15, somewhere in North Africa.

Joe Louis to Be Guest at Harlem War Bond Show

Daily Worker 12-28-44

N.Y. N.Y.

Sgt. Joe Louis will be guest star at the Christmas show and community bond rally to be held at the Golden Gate Ballroom tomorrow (Friday). Several thousand dollars worth of war bonds have already been sold and pledged.

The windup rally in Harlem will also feature, in its parade of celebrities, Bill Robinson, Hazel Scott, Teddy Wilson, Aubrey Pankey, Kenneth Spencer, Billy Holiday, Louis Metcalf.

Speakers include Congressman-elect Adam C. Powell, Attorney Hope Stevens, Councilman Benjamin J. Davis and Dr. Channing Tobias.

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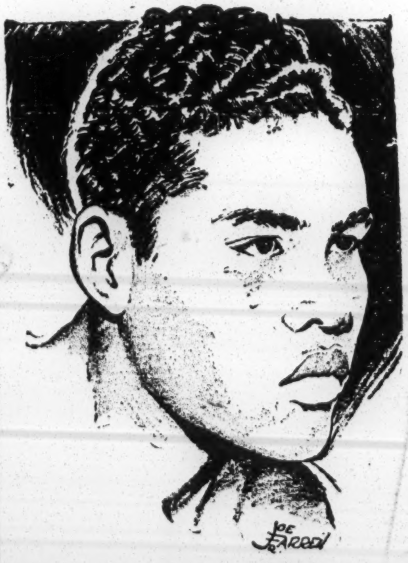
Admission is free to bond purchasers.

The rally, whose slogan is Harlem's Christmas Gift to the Fighting Forces Abroad, is organized under the auspices of the Treasury Department and a Community Sponsoring Committee headed by Councilman Davis.



JOE LOUIS

Roxborough, Louis' Manager, Is Sent To Michigan Prison

Daily World — Atlanta, Ga.

12-5-44

DETROIT—(A N P) — A jury made up of all whites because the judge allegedly said that "all Negroes played the numbers" and would thus show partiality to the defendant, last week sentenced John W. Roxborough, one of Joe Louis' managers, and Everett L. Watson to serve lengthy prison terms in Jackson, Mich.

Roxborough was sentenced to from two and a half to five years in prison while Watson was given from two to five years.

The sentences were the result of an indictment by the Ferguson grand jury four years ago and convictions at a trial in 1941. Following the conviction a year later, both Roxborough and Watson appealed to the state supreme court and later to the U. S. supreme court. Both bodies refused to review the case.

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It is recalled that the indictments followed the gambling exposure of a woman who, thrust aside by her sweetheart, told of corrupt gambling practices, in letters to city officials. Afterwards, the woman killed her 12 year old daughter and then turned the gun on herself.

Aside from Roxborough and Watson the indictment included a love list of leading city officials, among whom were Mayor Richard W. Reading, Duncan C. McCrea, prosecutor; former sheriff Thomas Wilcox, superintendent of police Fred Frahn and a large number of police officials and gamblers.

After Judge Chester 'Hara's alleged assertion that he did not want Negroes on the jury because all Negroes played the numbers, Roxborough and Watson are said to have filed another appeal.

Joe's Premiere As Mat Referee A Quiet Affair

Tribune — Philadelphia Pa.

11-18-44

S/Sgt. Joe Louis made a thirty-minute appearance at the Arena on Friday night to referee a wrestling match and collected $1758.75 for his services. On the way in and out of the West Philly palace of punch he signed several score of autographs and everybody was quite happy about the whole thing. Even Eddie Gottlieb, the promoter. expressed himself as satisfied for many potential fans were present to see Louis who had never otherwise considered patronizing the grunt and groan racket.

"Quite a few of them will come back," declared Gotty. "They saw some good bouts and they liked 'em."

The world's heavyweight champion, now on a 30-day furlough, was to have refereed the Ernie Dusek-George Becker windup but he had to return to New York on an early train, so he officiated in the semi-windup between Dutch Rhode and Tony Martinelli. It was a good, clean bout with no haymakers thrown and nobody taking a punch at the referee.

On three occasions the two contestants were both flat on their backs at the same time and Joe was counting over both. Miraculously, however, each staggered to his feet before the fatal "ten" and the bout continued to a "draw" decision.

Joe Louis On Hand As Fighters Come Back From Mission

Journal + Guide — Norfolk, Va.

9-16-44

15TH ARMY AIR FORCE — The world's champ has a day off.

Joe Louis had a break in his routine of barnstorming the war areas, and decided to spend the time with the veteran Negro Fighter Group, commanded by Colonel Benjamin O. Davis Jr.

The heavyweight champ arrived on the flat field, that the flyers use for a base, with S/Sgt. Jimmy Edgar of Detroit, Mich., and Sgt. Jackie Wilson of Los Angeles, Calif., two members of his troupe. They had lunch with one of the squadrons in the group and came down to the landing strip just in time to see the fighters come from one of their long ran[illegible]ort missions.

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"SURE CAN FLY"

The Champ sat in a jeep alongside of the strip and watched the Mustangs come in for their landing. "These fellows sure can fly," Joe said proudly to Lieut. William C. Wyatt, group special service officer. While the planes were still coming in Louis went over to the intelligence building to see Colonel Davis.

The Colonel was wet with perspiration and visibly fatigued, but he took the well known visitor into the briefing room, and pointed out on the giant map all the places the group had flown. The world's foremost pugilist sat in on the critique of the mission and addressed the fliers at its conclusion. 9-16-44

"HAD SWELL TIME"

"I am glad to see you fellows," the champ said, clearly showing no sign of his usual reticence. "I've been keeping up with you in the papers. I have visited many airfields and have spoken to a lot of pilots. They all speak well of you and give you all the credit." Joe spent the rest of the afternoon visiting the enlisted men and their club houses; had dinner with one of the squadrons, and before he departed he said, "It sure was good seeing the fellows again. I had a swell time."

West Indians Say Insult To Louis Belittles Nation

Defender—Chicago, Ill.

5-27-44

By JEROME BOYCE

CURACAO, N. W. I. — (ANP) — The people of the West Indies have been highly indignant to hear of S-Sgt. Joe Louis, world's heavyweight king, together with his co-mate, Sgt. Ray Robinson, "uncrowned welterweight champion of the world," having been molested by a white MP for making use of a phone in a depot which was supposed to be segregated.

Such an act has been looked upon as one of the most loathsome and iniquitous deeds manifested with not even the slightest sense of reason nor diplomacy in such a time as this.

It is a disgrace to learn that such simple things go on in the U. S. and are even upheld by those in authority. The ill feelings that such uncouth attitudes are creating in the West Indies are becoming greater among people who were once American lovers regardless of race, color or creed.

It will be surprising to learn how the news has spread all over the West Indies and how much it has affected the West Indian people. Admirers and fanatics of the pugilistic king have commented and discoursed widely on the matter and they have seen no reason why the dignity of the boxing idol should be insulted in such manner. The world knows, and we down in the West Indies know, the essential capacity of Joe Louis services in the army, and what a valuable man he is to the U. S. today. 5-27-44

Let us hope that when your boys return home from the West Indies, they will be able to teach a lot as far as color prejudice is concerned, which they have learned from the dignified West Indian people.

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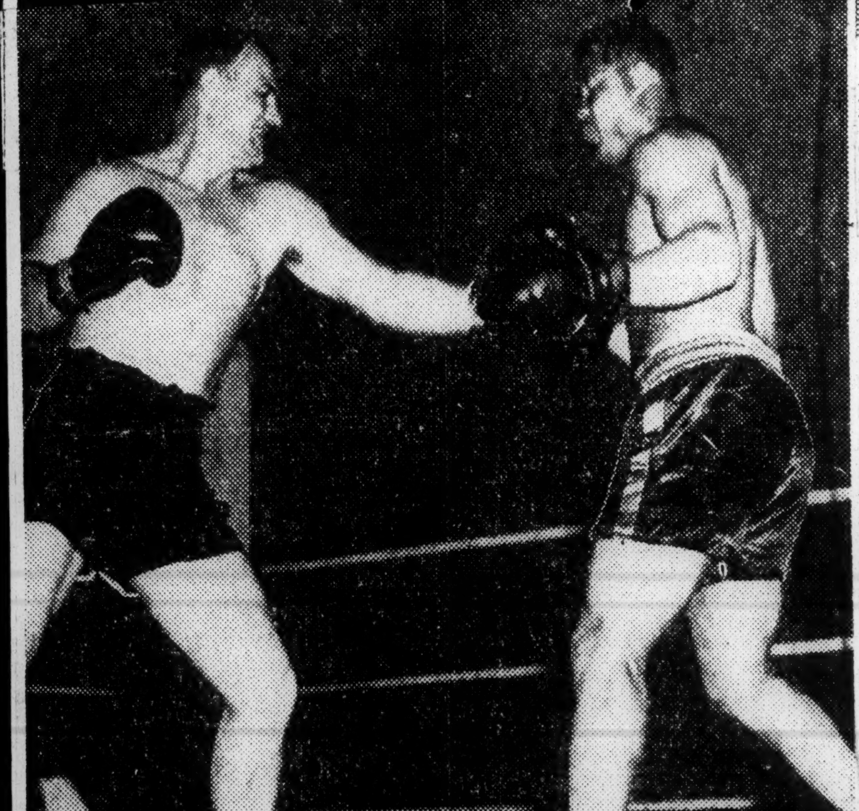
JOE'S SIGNATURE IN DEMAND S/Sgt. Joe Louis, world's heavyweight boxing champion, autographing "short snorters" as he visited Fleet Air Wing 15, somewhere in North Africa.



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CHAMP IN ACTION—Morton Fry, Jr., ACOM, USN, of Parkersburg, W. Va., in exhibition bout with Staff Sgt. Joe Louis, world's heavyweight boxing champion, now on tour in the North African theatre of war.

JOE LOUIS IS THE WORLD'S LONGEST TITLE HOLDER

Tribune — Savannah, Ga.

10-12-44

CHICAGO, Ooct. 7 (ANP)—Although now serving in the armed forces, Joe Louis has become the world's longest heavy weight boxing champion. He, according to official boxing records, has topped Dempsey's tenure as titleholder by heeping the crown for seven years and three months.

Since winning the championship here in 1937 from Jim Braddock, Louis has established the reputation of being always ready to fight all comers. Records disclose that he has placed his crown on the line 21 times, which is 15 times more than Jack Dempsey.

The list of Joe's ring opponents is too long for him to recall by memory and probably none of them impressed him ex cept Tony Gallento and Billy Conn, who, a few think, would have captured his title if the war had been delayed, while the majority believe that they only aroused his curiosity by their cocky confidence or bombastic manner. While the rest are definitely inferior to Louis, there is no reason to assume that the war is o contributing factor to his long reign of the heavies.

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Joe made his last ring appearance two years ago. What army life has done to his fighting ability remains a question. He is still champion. He will be champion for the duration and probably for a long time after the duration, since the current crop of prominent heavies appears to be largely in Joe's sroes of having to postpone their ring engagements until the end of the duration

Joe to Step 3 Rounds with Denson

Appearance First in Public in 2 Years

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THE PROGRAM

Jake LaMotta, New York, vs. George Kochan, Akron O., 10 rounds, 165 pounds.

S. Sgt. Joe Louis, Detroit vs. Johnny Denson, Indianapolis, three-round exhibition, catchweights.

Wilfred Shanks, New York, vs. Arnold Deer, Indianapolis, six rounds, 160 pounds.

Al Ellis, Detroit, vs. Ray Tellino, Windsor, four rounds, 125 pounds.

Charley Padalino, Detroit, vs. Petey Brown, Detroit, four rounds, 155 pounds.

Larry Ray, Highland Park, vs. Willie Watkins, Detroit, four rounds, 148 pounds.

Fred McClure, Detroit, vs. Arthur Price, Detroit, four rounds, 138 pounds.

BY CHARLES P. WARD

Judging by the advance sale of tickets, a capacity or near-capacity crowd will jam Olympia Friday night when Jake LaMotta, hard-punching Bronx middleweight, fights George Kochan, of Akron, O., in the 10-round main event of a seven-bout program.

Although the bout LaMotta and Kochan staged when they met at the Olympia last September was good enough to justify a large crowd, all of the spectators will not go to the Olympia to see that contest. A good many will be drawn by a three-round exhibition which Heavyweight Champion Joe Louis will stage with Johnny Denson, of Indianapolis.

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THIS BOUT will be Louis' first appearance before a Detroit fight crowd in more than three years. It also will be his first public bout with anyone but a sparring partner since he knocked out Abe Simon March 27, 1942, in New York while defending his heavyweight title.

That the public is interested in Louis was proved by the crowds that watched him train at the Monroe A.C. for the last two days. Each appearance brought big turnouts despite the fact that each spectator had to pay $1 to get into the gym.

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IN HIS TRAINING bouts, Louis looked as fast and punched as hard as he ever did. He boxed two rounds each day with Odell Riley, a good rugged heavyweight, and, though he was careful with his punches, he had to ease up in the second round of each bout to avoid doing Riley harm.

His condition is not surprising, however. He recently returned from a tour of England, North Africa and Italy. While on the other side he boxed 90 exhibitions for service men. Joe weighs 220 pounds, which means would take off 15 pounds to reach his best fighting weight.

Louis and Denson will box with regulation gloves. They will go three three-minute rounds. No decision will be rendered.

Joe Louis Slugs for the USA

The following letter to a friend was sent in to NEW MASSES *"Readers' Forum" by Pfc. Rogosin.—The Editors.*

New Masses — New York
10-24-44 N.Y.

THE other day I saw Joe Louis take another smashing swing at his old enemy, fascism, and all that it represents. He was giving a boxing exhibition at one of the Southern California camps. Just picture the setting: several thousand white soldiers grouped about a ring on a parade ground waiting to see and watch Sergeant Joe Louis, Corporal George Nicholson, heavyweight, Corporal Walker Smith (Ray "Sugar" Robinson), world's welterweight title claimant, and Private George J. (Jackie) Wilson, former world's welterweight champion.

Here was a group of four great Negro fighters who were going to fight for the entertainment of white troops, yes even many southern white troops. Here again was the same kind of Americanism, the same kind of patriotism that Joe Louis showed when last year he fought a benefit for the Navy despite its discrimination policy against Negroes.

As he put it at that time, his country came first even when it did discriminate against him and his people. It was his country!

On that parade ground were a number of men who had just come back from a weary ten-mile hike, with full pack and rifle on their backs. There they stood with their helmets on, tired from their day's training, and yet standing there to pay homage to a great fighter. Above in the sky flew P-38's and Flying Fortresses. It was indeed a unique setting for a fight by the champion of the world.

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The preliminary bout by Robinson and Wilson was one in which they demonstrated that they were not pulling their punches in an exhibition that didn't matter to them. They gave what they had in them. They really fought, and the crowd roared with delight at the way Robinson beautifully ducked the punches of his opponent, and the way the two of them slugged it out.

As for the Joe Louis exhibition, it was not up to the standard set by Robinson. But that was not so important. For by a few simple remarks at the end of the bout, the champion of the world had that crowd in his hand. For he said that under the Special Services Division of the Army, the fighters had been fighting every day since August 30 except Saturday and Sunday, and that "naturally enough you can't expect us to knock each other out every day." The crowd laughed.

He praised Robinson for having given such a fine exhibition, and said that he was very happy to be there to stage the boxing exhibition. Then he raised his voice and said "God bless you!"

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There was something about that remark that I think all those who heard it will remember for a long time to come. Here was a Negro, who had been discriminated against in his own life, and who had the certain knowledge that discrimination against his people was still being practiced in our country.

He knew about the discrimination policy of the Army in having separate white and Negro regiments. He knew too about the shameful ways in which Negro soldiers had been treated in parts of the South. He knew that many of those in that very crowd watching him had anti-Negro prejudices.

And yet he turned to them all, and said "God bless you!" For to him, undoubtedly they all were fighters for the democratic way of life, despite their prejudices.

There was the hope that as they continued to fight for that way of life, they would more and more lose those prejudices which are a blot and a shame on our nation. Here was a lesson for those Negro leaders who believe that only by refusal to cooperate in the war against Hitlerism, can the Negro attain the freedom and equality of opportunity that truly ought to be his.

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A great American and a great Negro spoke when those few simple words "God bless you!" were addressed to those thousands of white soldiers.

PFC. H. ROGOSIN.

Somewhere in the USA.

Joe Louis Home by Plane

World Telegram – New York, N.Y.

10-10-44

Staff Sgt. Joe Louis, heavyweight boxing champion, arriving today by ATC plane after a seven-month tour of European fighting fronts, said he had met two American soldiers in Italy who offered a definite threat to his title after the war.

The Negro boxer, who fought exhibitions in England, Ireland, Scotland, North Africa and Sardinia, arrived at La Guardia Field with Capt. Fred L. Maly. The other eight men in his tour, including trainers and preliminary fighters, who made the tour, did not accompany him home.

Louis said he had forgotten the names of the American soldiers, but that the American sports public definitely would be hearing about them as soon as the war is over.

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He said he would stop at his hotel residence in Harlem before going to Washington for reassignment.

The return of the boxer shortly before the opening of the Sixth War Loan, renewed speculation that he might be used in a series of appearances to aid bond sales.

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The SCOREBOARD

BY...... Joe Bostic

The Peoples Voice
New York, N.Y.

CHAMP JOE STILL ON THAT BALL

THIS column went out on one of its most interesting—and informative—sports safaris last Wednesday night with Joe Louis, the boxfighting kingpin, for a boxing exhibition in Elizabeth, NJ. This is by way of report to the clientele of these dispatches on our close-up observations of Mr. Big of the stuffed leather mitten racket.

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We loaded the champ, trainer Monny Seamon, Sunnee Wilson, Sgt. Bobby Payne and our two junior editions into the old struggle and away we went. Two things impressed us tremendously on the trip over. First, the big fellow has acquired an easy urbane manner and is something of a wit. He now punctuates his conversation with smart puns and clever asides which amaze anyone who knew him when he was a most uncommunicative youngster getting his first taste of the big town and it's uninhibited adulation. It all seemed to awe him so much at the time but now, he is as suave a sophisticate as you'd care to run across. Perhaps only Chalky Wright is his superior in repartee. Thus we found a new personality who adds something spicy to the humdrum of celebrity elbow rubbing.

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The second—and particularly important—thing was the growing hold that he has on the youngsters. In the small fry any hero has the kind of worshipper whose loyalty never wavers, whose enthusiasm never slackens. The two Bostics have—as you'd no doubt suspect—been practically weaned on a steady diet of sports, and the athletic standout performers of our time. Since he uttered his first word, I can't remember a waking moment in which Joe, jr, wasn't gabbing at a mile-a-minute clip. And he's thoroughly conversant with most sports terminology and sports achievements of our group particularly. Only ten years of age he already can figure batting averages and league standings. Consequently he is well up on every word that has appeared in print on the champ and his habits and his fights. Same goes for the other brother, one year his junior. When the two of them climbed into the struggle buggy, they had been there fully two minutes before the elder one recognized who the passenger was. He let out one yelp: "There's Joe Louis!" and then was absolutely speechless for the next ten minutes. Never in my life have I seen such unadulterated hero worship. This convinced us that the Brown Bomber has the small fry vote tucked securely in his hip pocket.

Once on the scene at the armory in Elizabeth, we could once again see the magnetic grip that he has on the lay fan. It took the most strenuous efforts of a half dozen bluecoats to get him through the cheering mob into the hall. Once inside there was a look of hushed [illegible] on the face of everybody as he strode majestically to his dressing room attesting to his unchallenged position at the top of the heap of public idols. Best of all, this completely transcends racial lines.

Finally after a spirited war bond auction, Louis came on to go through his paces with Dee Amos. Now Dee is nobody's fool as he showed in his last Madison Square Garden appearance when he belted out Laurient Bouchard.

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Still a Champ

Although this one wasn't for keeps, Louis showed that he still had loads of the old ring umph and knowhow as he handled Amos with consummate ease. For a fellow who hasn't had an honest-to-goodness rumble for a couple of years he amazed all of us at the ringside with his general sharpness and reflexes. As everybody knows, he'll always be able to belt. As long as he can get up into the ring and get within arm's length of an opponent he'll be able to apply that old finisher. Even wearing pillows on his hands, his shots carried loads of potent destruction and he had to pull up on the reins several times to avoid bringing the melee to an abrupt conclusion.

The years and experience, plus confidence, have made him so much more a finished fighter with plenty of finesse. He moves well and has overcome the glaring weakness of the lowered left hand that always left his rather big jaw a wide open target for scrappers with snappy right hands.

The thing that made us blink our eyes in sheer wonderment was the fact that Joseph Louis Barrow has learned to Barrymore a bit on these make believe blood lettings. His apparent outburst of fist flinging in the final canto looked for all the world like the real McCoy to the boys in the back rows yet it actually was a case of Joseph pelting Dee on the arms and shoulders no end.

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Yes indeed, that Brown Bomber has come up very much cute and is the all-time popular favorite and can fight to beat the band.

And as we started out to report in the first place, after seven years he wears that crown with a maximum of dignity and he wears mighty well on the public. That, my tootsies, is something—at least this scrivener thinks so.

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Sports-Joe Louis

Joe Louis Returns; May Sell Bond

By DON DE LEIGHBUR

The Call
Kansas City, Mo.

NEW YORK. — A custom, not acquired solely because of Army training but one that came from years of private training on his own, has gotten Joe Louis in the habit of waking himself early and then trying to wake up everybody else around him. This trick he pulled on me last Tuesday when he landed at La Guardia Field following a non-stop flight from Casablanca in North Africa. The time was 9 a. m. and yours truly was sleeping the good sleep of one who had put in a full night of dubious toil at such diversions as tipping cocktail glasses, shaking hands, and throwing the bull to the boys. The 'phone rang, a gruff voice asked for me, and, sleepily, I said, "Yep, this is me. What the hell do you want this early in the morning whoever you are?" "It's me," said the voice, "Joe."

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I got the voice through the rapidly clearing fog of sleep and realized that it was Louis. The significance of the call also dawned on me as I hurriedly took a shower, shaved, and entered my clothes to meet the Champ at Hotel Theresa where a room had been reserved for him by the army.

Joe Louis All Along

Expecting to find a room full of reporters, well-wishers, fans, and back-slappers greeting the Worlds Heavyweight Champion, I was almost knocked off my feet when I walked into his room to find the king of the heavies sitting on the edge of the bed, slowly changing his clothes, alone. In other words, Joe had come to town and I was the only active newspaper man and, for that matter, the only person arounl in teeming Harlem — outside of the hotel— who was aware that the champion was in town.

Weighing 215 pounds, Joe looked every inch the champion that he is and, even at that weight, in far better physical condition than one could expect from a GI who has undergone the special training of the armed forces which certainly does not prepare a fellow to fight in the ring.

There was a boyishness still in his smile that belied his 30 years and the maturity of contact of life as stark and horrible as that he encountered on the other side where lives are snuffed out every moment and where the maimed and wounded writhe and twist in agony as they are carried back from the fighting fronts to hospitals or to rehabilitation centers behind the lines.

Kansas City, Mo.

He is more important to the soldiers morale than anything else except a letter from home, and Joe takes it all in stride with a humilitary that is touching and a sense of responsibility that is amazing in one who would normally be carefree, happy and gay.

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Calls Ray Robinson, His Pal

I talked these things over with Joe at breakfast at the Hotel Theresa dining room where the Champ consumed a huge plate of liver, onions, biscuits and, what he called, "a spot of tea." One of the first things that Joe did was to have me call Greenwood Lake for a person-to-person chat with his best friend, former Seregant Ray (Sugar) Robinson, now in training for his boxing appearance since he was honorably discharged from the Army.

At a mass interview in Colonel Clark's office where every boxing writer in town was on hand to fire questions at the heavyweight ruler of boxing, Joe spoke of his future as, "the only future there is in the Army is a furlough and I would like a little one now." He looked around as he answered a question about his fighting again professionally and said, "If the war is over next year I'll be 31; I mean I'll defend my title if the war ends soon enough. I am getting old—I have to shave three times a week now."

When asked how soon was "soon enough," Louis said, "next week sometime. I have been staying in pretty good condition. The Army has been giving me a pretty good break by letting me stick so close to boxing. My age isn't so important, you know, heavyweights stay good until they are 35 or 36.

"You don't know what those boys go through until you see the tough cases," said Joe, as he spoke of his visits to the hospitals in Italy.

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Sees No Four F Champ

Returning to fighting, the Brown Bomber declared that there is no question that the Armed Services will provide the men who will eventually succeed him. "You don't think any 4F is going to be a world's champion?" he asked. The much talked about Freddy Mills, British championship contender, didn't impress Louis. Describing him, he said, "He throws a left hook from back here and his right he throws like Carl Hubbell—and he's got no screwball."

Baer Hit "Hardest" Says Joe In London

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LONDON. — (ANP) — American soldiers here were amazed this week when S. Sgt. Joe Louis, world heavyweight boxing champion, took time out from his routine exhibitions to evaluate his ring opponents of the past.

Joe named Max Baer as the toughest opponent he ever had met, and nominated Baer in an all-opponent team selected for Stars and Stripes, service men's publication. Louis rated Billy Conn, whom he fought in New York in 1941 as the smartest of all his opponents, also the fastest, possessor of the most effective left and the one with the best offense and best defense. Braddock's right was the most powerful of all his opponents, said Joe.

Louis explained that estimation of his opponents ability was based on actual experience, since some of his listeners wanted to disagree with him.

"I pitched more strikes against Baer than I did against a half dozen ordinary opponents," he said. "Any other man would have lasted less than a round, just as Schmeling did in our second fight.

"If Schmeling's right had carried the explosiveness Braddock's did, I never would have been able to answer the bell after the fifth round," Louis continued. "Remember, Max landed his Sunday punches for 12 rounds before he could put me away. Braddock hit me once in the first round, and had he been able to follow up his advantage this little boy might never have been champion of the world."

Joe named Lee Ramage as the most courageous; Arturo Godoy as the most troublesome; Bob Pastor as the fastest retreater and Johnny Paychek as his poorest opponent. Al Delaney hit him the hardest single punch, a right on his chin which Denaley delivered in their fight in 1934. On the other hand, Joe thinks the hardest punch he ever landed was the one that chilled Paulino Uzcudun in their New York fight in 1935. Louis' championship reign dates back to June 22, 1937, when he stopped Jimmy Braddock at Comiskey park in Chicago in the eighth round.